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"It is important to register because as human beings I feel we have some obligation to help others," said Robinson. "It is not always convenient or easy to do, but I feel the Bone Marrow Registry is an easy way to help others."



# Freshman visitation policy rethought

CUSG hopes to extend the current visitation hours in freshman dorms across campus.

**TAYLOR REEVES**  
NEWS EDITOR

It's 2 a.m. in Clemson, and a steady stream of students are making the trek back to their respective dorms.

Visiting hours, an annoyance for many freshmen, are over.

However, these students may soon find themselves with some extra time thanks to the efforts of some Student Government Senate members.

The Undergraduate Student Government is looking to change the current visitation policy for freshman dorms in reaction to

research conducted by the Senate Campus Life Committee on the visitation policies of Top 20 and ACC institutions.

According to the committee, Clemson's current housing policy is less "liberal" in comparison to its counterparts such as Georgia Tech and the University of California who have no visitation policies in place.

These findings, along with negative student feedback about the current policy, roused the committee to introduce a new policy proposal to the Director of Housing Dr. Doug Hallenbeck.

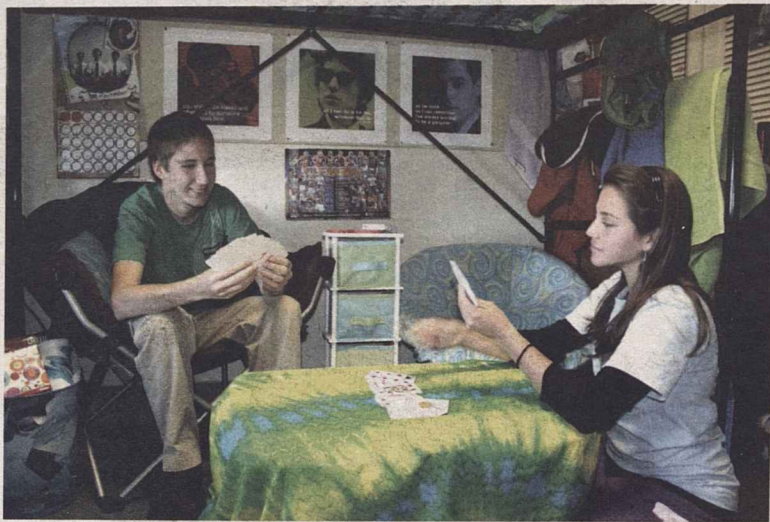
Following the decision to form a proposal, Campus Life Committee Chair Brian Jones and fellow committee members met with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Housing Department to begin drafting a new policy.

"RHA suggested a more 'liberal' policy than the final one, and housing suggested a stricter version of RHA proposal," said Jones.

Visitation policies are based largely upon communal bathroom arrangements in freshman dorms, and "bathroom privacy issues," as referred to by Jones, were heavily taken into consideration while discussing potential amendments to the current policy.

Along with various minor alterations, the final proposal included a one-hour extension on visitation hours from Monday through Thursday (10 a.m. to 3 a.m.) and the elimination of visitation hours during the weekend.

Many students expressed a desire



Jon Barry and Jen Fantin are among many freshmen facing policy conflicts.

to reduce the 10 a.m. limit to 8 a.m. However, the decision to hold the current 10 a.m. policy is due to factors of convenience and privacy.

"The reasoning for keeping the 10 a.m. restriction was that myself and the housing director believed it was necessary to provide students a time period in which they could prepare for class (shower and use the restroom) without members of the opposite sex present on their hallway," said Jones.

Despite minor disappointment at this preserved restriction, Jones and his committee are receiving positive feedback from current freshmen.

"I would be happy for the changes," said Whitney Sewell, a biological science major living in Benet Hall.

"My friends and I have male siblings who can't come and visit us under the current policy."

After being passed by the Campus Life Committee, the resolution including the aforementioned amendments is now in the hands of the housing director who will consult President Barker and perhaps the Board of Trustees on the issue.

If the proposed policy is implemented, it will begin next fall.

Although they may not have the chance to experience the proposed transitions, students in dorms across campus are excited about these potential changes coming soon.

"I would love for our visiting hours to be extended," said Jocelyn Long, an English education major living in Young Hall.

"I have yet to be bothered by any visitors on the hall at any time during the day. As long as people continue to be respectful and act appropriately, I am all for having visitors over no matter what time of the day or night it is."

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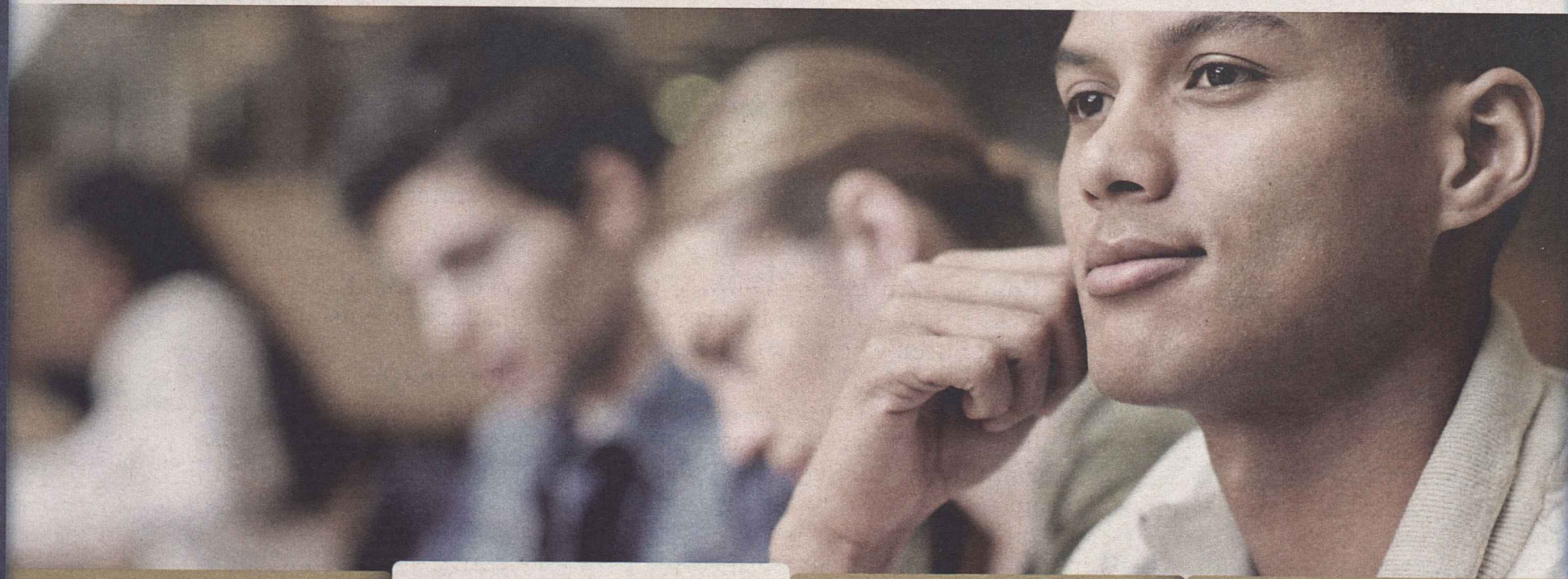
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## Festival held to save organic farm

*Student for Environmental Awareness combat budget cuts*

**KATE RIPLEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR



With recent cuts to Clemson's budget and the expiration of their state funded grant, the Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA) will hold their first Farm Aid Festival to raise money to save Clemson's Student Organic Farm.

It costs approximately \$75,000 a year to run the farm, most of which was funded by USDA grants. The severe drop in funding this year caused the farm to layoff one full-time and two part-time workers. "The farm took drastic budget hits this year and needs the community's help to persist into the next season, until funding can return," said Blake Storey, an active member of SEA.

The Student Organic Farm was certified as organic in 2005 and has been growing vegetables and plants ever since. Only last year, officials opened up the farm to selling on site as opposed to bring the goods to a market.

The Farm Aid Festival is not anticipating the salvation of the farm through one fundraiser, but they do hope that the word will

spread about the situation. "We don't expect to make a lot of money, just enough hopefully to get the farm through the winter," said Blake. "The primary focus is to bring the community together to celebrate local agriculture and help us gain support from the University's administration in their budgets and from competitive grants."

This festival will have live music, speakers, fun activities for the kids and a selection of fresh food from vendors from around the Clemson community. The farm is across from the football stadium on Perimeter Road. If heading toward U.S. 76 take the first right onto Old Stadium Road after passing through the Williamson Road stoplight. The farm's gravel driveway is on the right. It will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. on Nov. 22.

To sign the petition for saving the farm visit <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/save-clemson-sustainable-agriculture>. Those interested in getting involved with SEA should contact either Blake Storey at [bstorey@clemson.edu](mailto:bstorey@clemson.edu) or Noel Durant at [noeld@clemson.edu](mailto:noeld@clemson.edu).

## Season to Serve

**KATE RIPLEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Imagine yourself on Christmas morning. You may be opening presents, sitting by your tree, a crackling fire nearby, listening to Christmas music, mostly just enjoying the day with your family.

While this may be some students' Christmas day, many people in the area surrounding Clemson face a completely different reality.

Approximately 3.5 million people face homelessness in a given year in the United States and 12.7 percent of all Americans live under the poverty level.

Many won't get to experience a Thanksgiving dinner or buy Christmas gifts for their kids.

With all of these statistics, how can Clemson students help?

Here are some local organizations in need of willing volunteers to make someone's holiday season.

### The Salvation Army:

This organization has service opportunities all year round but, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, the nationwide organization really takes serving to a new level.

Many volunteers are needed to ring bells at a Salvation Army kettle, help with the packing of food boxes, participate in the organization of our toy program, build toys that are donated unassembled, or help during the days that

these goods are distributed.

Students can contact the following county offices to help:

Picken - (864) 855-6408 - Lt. Lyles  
Anderson - (864) 225-7381 - Major Tattersson  
Oconee - (864) 882-1160 - Ashley Stewart

### Foster Families of Oconee County:

As a whole, this group provides homes for children whose biological parents are unable to do so.

Whenever a child is removed from a home, whatever the reason, the Foster Families group steps in. Volunteers are needed this year to help with the organization's Christmas party.

This time of year is especially hard for children to be away from their biological families, so their foster families come to this event to make the holiday fun even in a different setting.

Students would mainly play with children, help with crafts such as cookie decorating, and help Santa pass out gifts.

Those interested should contact the Foster Association President as soon as possible at [Panamoka1958@yahoo.com](mailto:Panamoka1958@yahoo.com).

### Tigers Who Care:

Tigers Who Care is a co-ed service organization conducting weekly and monthly service activities. Volunteers are needed

to help with the YMCA's Gingerbread Festival on Dec. 4 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Foothills YMCA.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a local holiday activity that is a lot of fun for participants and volunteers. Students would be assisting kids making gingerbread houses and other Christmas crafts. Students interested should contact Jennifer Elder at [jaelder@clemson.edu](mailto:jaelder@clemson.edu).

### Tigers Go:

This organization serves the Clemson community and in other places in the United States, specifically New Orleans, La.

During Christmas, the group will be going on two trips: one local and the other in New Orleans.

The local trip will be Dec. 6. Volunteers meet around 8 a.m. and usually finish by mid-afternoon.

More information is on the Web site at [www.tigersgo.org](http://www.tigersgo.org).

Tigers go will also be going on a Christmas break trip from Dec. 27 until Jan. 1 to New Orleans.

The cost is \$150, however scholarships are available to students with financial need.

Those interested in signing up for this trip should email Chris Manley at [chris@tigersgo.com](mailto:chris@tigersgo.com).



## Weekly World Update

*Nation on Point*

*International Herald Tribune*

**President-elect Barack Obama appoints Hillary Clinton Secretary of State.**

Obama's advisors have ended the search to fill this position. Clinton and Obama were said to have met secretly in Chicago on Thursday to discuss the matter.

Word went out quickly and spread amongst many Democrats who concur with the decision.

While no formal announcement was made in the past week, many politicians such as John Kyl of Arizona and Henry Kissinger made statements about Hillary's new role and wholeheartedly agree with Obama for choosing her.

In the presidential primaries, Clinton expressed many of the same views on foreign policy as Obama; however, there is speculation she and Vice President-elect Joe Biden may cross paths, as he is interested in foreign policy as well.

The other prospects considered for the role included Gregory Craig, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, and Sen. John Kerry.

*Briart.com*

**More than 800 residences have been destroyed due to an extensive wildfire in southern California.**

The fire started Thursday, Nov. 13 and extended from Santa Barbara to southeast Los Angeles.

It spread due to the Santa Ana winds and dry climate California notorious for.

The actual cause of the fire has not been identified.

The houses destroyed range from multi-million dollar mansions to modest, mobile homes and more than 50,000 evacuation orders have been issued since Thursday.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has officially declared a state of emergency in the fire-afflicted areas.

More than 3,700 firefighters battled the raging inferno from helicopters, bulldozers and engines across the state.

While there have been no reports of missing persons, 11 were injured.

This fire has been considered to be the worst fire seen in California in nearly 50 years.

Some evacuated residents told reporters they aren't sure if the fire has affected their homes or if they have been completely destroyed.

*Los Angeles Times*

**Environmentalists are furious about talk of expansion of cell phone use and installation of wireless Internet in Yellowstone National Park.**

Officials recently released a plan to allow for a few more cell phone towers and wireless Internet installations in some of the park's hotels, much to many environmentalists' dismay. The plan would leave the backcountry and most roads untouched.

Many people are disappointed in the decision and say seeing people talking on the phone ruins the experience of the nation's oldest national park. Most see visiting the park as a way to "unplug" from the real world.

While there are many against the new plan, some visitors don't see a problem with it.

With the added convenience of Internet access people could come back and research the bison they saw that day or share new pictures on Facebook.

Yellowstone officials say it is only logical to have Internet, access in the more developed areas of the park. "Yellowstone is not one place," said Tom Ollitt, the park official who oversaw the plan.

"It's three to four different experiences. The developed areas have a different experience than anywhere else

*World in Review*

*British Broadcasting Company*

**Chinese President Hu Jintao seeks to advance economic ties with Cuba.**

President Hu visited Cuba for the second time since 2004 to strengthen trade between the two countries. China speculates it will form connections with other Central and South American countries as well, such as Costa Rica and Peru.

While communist governments run both China and Cuba, the two economies follow very different economic models.

However, Raul Castro, Fidel Castro's younger brother and president of Cuba, is beginning to reform the old economic model and fashion it towards China's.

Costa Rica as well hopes to begin new ties with China. After 60 years of relations with Taiwan, Costa Rica cut ties in order to form diplomatic relations with China.

The Chinese see Taiwan as a breakaway province and thus refuse to associate with countries that have ties to the country.

The Costa Rican officials admit they made this move to attract Chinese investment.

President Hu also plans to visit Peru and attend the Apec (Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation) summit in Lima on Nov. 21 and 22.

*CNN*

**Muslims and police clash in a violent demonstration at polls in Kashmir.**

The state elections took place Monday, Nov. 17 despite the Muslim separatists' blockades at polling stations.

Police dispersed the demonstrators after hours of protesting against Indian rule and shouting anti-election slogans in the voting district of Bandipore.

Kashmir is located between Pakistan and India, both of which claim the territory and have left more than 43,000 dead in the long, bloody separatist campaign.

The elections followed much protest by both separatist Muslims who fear that the state elections will strengthen Indian control of the state as well as Indian nationalists who are afraid the separatist Muslims will gain control of the Himalayan state.

The elections were held to select representatives to take care of local needs like roads, water and the power supply.

More than 47 percent of voters turned out in Bandipore and 55 percent of voters turned out in seven other voting areas without major protests.

*The New York Times*

**Owners hope to take control of Saudi supertanker after a pirate hijacking.**

In the past year, more than 88 ships have been seized by pirates off the Somali coast, and the number keeps rising.

The pirates who captured the Saudi vessel are making their way to Somalia, giving hope to the supertanker's owners that negotiations will soon take place.

The vessel is believed to contain approximately \$100 million worth of crude oil and hold 25 crewmembers.

Negotiations in the past for circumstances such as these usually include the owner paying a ransom ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million.

While piracy is no surprise to most ship owners who ply these waters, officials are stunned to see the range of which this particular piracy occurred.

Authorities link this expansion to increased naval patrols in the Gulf of Aden and in the Arabian Sea.

As for the 25 crew members on the ship, the owner wants a smooth transition to get the sailors home safely and as quickly as possible.

# TIGER BRIEFS

**CUSG tailgate will be held before the Clemson vs. USC game on Nov. 29.**

Student Government will have a tailgate open to all students in the Union Courtyard between Holmes and McCabe.

It will start three hours before kickoff and end when the game starts. Dabo Swinney will be attending after the Tiger Walk.

An '80s cover band, Mighty McFly will be playing, Central Spirit will be painting faces, and there will be free food and Coke products!

**The Save the Astro Rally will be**

**Friday Nov. 21.**

Mayor Abernathy and Clemson students are working together to bring back the Astro.

Local bands will be performing and many local vendors such as Moe's will be on the streets of downtown Clemson Friday night.

To find for more information about the rally, visit [www.savethecastro.org](http://www.savethecastro.org).

**Tigeroar and Takenote will host their a capella concert Friday, Nov. 21.**

Support Clemson's music program by attending these a capella

groups performing live at Clemson Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

The theme is "Going to the Chapel."

**World AIDS Day Date Auction is Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Tillman.**

Join Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma and Clemson University Gospel Choir with the office of Health Promotion to honor World AIDS day.

Ten men and 10 women will be auctioned off to raise money for AIDS Upstate, an organization that helps people and families living with AIDS.

**Ice-skating and free hot chocolate will be offered in the Carillon Gardens on Dec. 3 to 6.**

Take a study break and go to the Carillon Gardens to ice-skate and melt exam stress away by drinking a cup of soothing hot chocolate.

## News By Numbers

**2** dollars is the approximate cost of gas now in America. Forbes magazine announces this drop marks gasoline's cheapest point since March 2005.

**15** corpses were found in Bagdad in a mass grave. The cause of death appears to be from a car bomb.

**21** century socialism is the new discussion at universities in Venezuela and Iran. Both countries hope to establish a free college in Caracas, Venezuela under the new accords signed by the two countries.

**31** kilograms is the mass of the first Indian space probe to land on the lunar surface. Chandrayaan 1 will check for water-ice substances as well as map a three-dimensional atlas of the moon.

**2011** is the year all American soldiers should be able to come home for two years for training and to spend time with their families. The U.S. Army, due to the length of the current war, has recently demanded this rule.

**178,000** dollars was found by police in Lawrence, Mass., in a mysterious abandoned safe. The 2,000 pound iron safe was found in a dumpster.

## Need Physical Therapy?



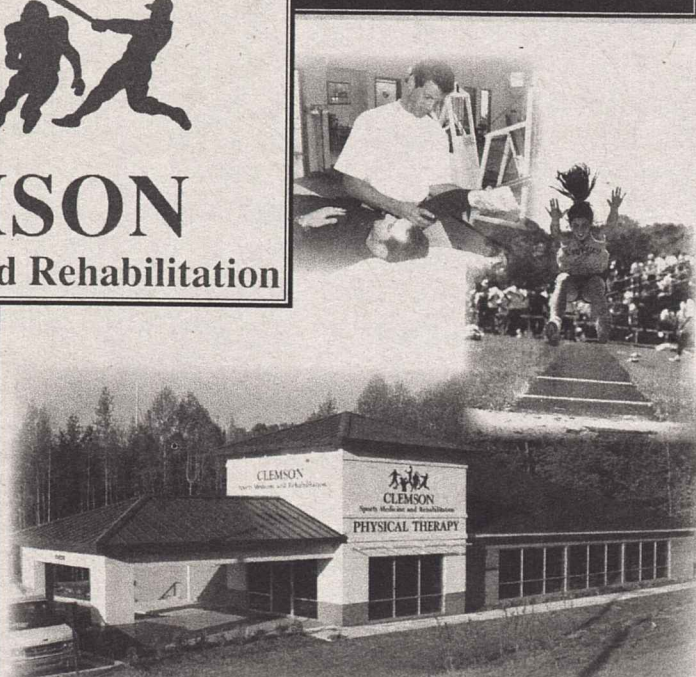
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## Upcoming CUSG Events

### Palmetto State Tailgate

Nov. 29, courtyard between Holmes and McCabe residence halls

Students can enjoy a positive, exciting environment with live music provided by Mighty Mcfly, free food and games and special guest appearances.

The tailgate will begin three hours before kickoff.

### Fee Reviews

CUSG will continue reviewing student fees to ascertain any changes that need to be made.

### Top Ten Things for Students to Know about Health and Safety on Clemson's Campus

Health and Human Services and CUSG's Senate are compiling advice about making the most of the college experience at Clemson.

### President's Roundtables

Fridays, CUSG offices

Student organizations are invited to send a representative to attend a free lunch attended by CUSG Organizations Director Patrick Becker, President Callie Boyd, Vice President JT Clark and other CUSG members.

### Lighting of the Gardens

Dec. 2, Carillon Gardens

The Clemson community is invited to join CUSG members in the annual lighting of the Carillon Gardens.

### New CUSG Web site

The Public Relations Committee has been working with Cabinet to create a more easily accessible and comprehensive Web site for CUSG. The site should be complete in the spring.



## EYE ON CRIME

This week's eye on crime focuses on the owner of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team. Mark Cuban was charged with insider trading of Mamma.com Inc., a Quebec-based Internet search engine firm.

The owner allegedly sold his entire stake to avoid \$750,000 in losses with non-public information.

Although the deed was done in late June 2004, the Securities and Exchange Commission made a statement concerning the accusation on Monday, Nov. 17.

According to the SEC, Mamma.com invited Cuban to take part in a private placement stock offering only after he agreed to keep the information top secret. Later, when Cuban found that the offering would weaken the holdings of existing shareholders and would sell cheaper than the market price, he became livid and made a phone call to his broker to sell the stock.

Cuban denies these accusations, saying in his blog "The matter has no merit and is the result of gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion."



*"Underneath the Republican character you see on TV, there's still a good man; there's still hope for him. It's the same way we feel about Joe Lieberman."*

Barack Obama's chief of staff, **Rahm Emanuel**, on comedian Stephen Colbert.

*"People are sending suggestions. And we're taking it all under advisement."*

**President-elect Barack Obama** on his family's search for a dog that won't aggravate his daughter's allergies.

*"Tens of millions of people in the United States may be putting money in the pockets of some of the worst human rights violators in the world."*

**Senator Richard Durbin** on

the sale of raw minerals, plundered by renegade troops in the Congo, to Western consumers in various products.

*"Now that we know they are there, there is going to be an explosion."*

**Christian Marois** of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics on the Hubble telescope's first pictures of planets in other solar systems.

*"These things shouldn't be decided by voters."*

Executive director of Equality California, **Geoffrey Kors**, on Prop. 8, the state's gay marriage ban.

He hopes that it can be reversed legally rather than through ballot procedures.

## On this day in History

1620- Mayflower Compact signed by Pilgrims in Cape Cod, Mass.

1877- Thomas Edison announces his "talking machine" (phonograph).

1934- New York Yankees buy Joe DiMaggio from San Francisco Seals.

1973- J Fred Buzhardt, President Nixon's attorney, reveals the presence of an 18-minute gap in a White House tape recording related to the Watergate scandal.

1995- The Dow Jones closes above 5,000 for the first time.

## NSSE from page A1

project findings for publication, research posters and national presentations.

According to Jackson, the NSSE results are currently being examined to reveal what areas Clemson needs to make progress.

Among the improvements already being considered are those that target advising, student-faculty research, technologically enhanced classrooms, the inclusion of diversity in undergraduate curriculum, student and staff interactions and increased participation in study abroad.

"For example, one area of weakness was having serious conversations with students of another race or ethnicity," said Jackson.

To address this, Clemson's Office of Student Affairs introduced a performance measure to provide more opportunities for students to meet and discuss with others

from different backgrounds.

Research conducted by the survey's sponsor, Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research, indicates that universities that provide students with engaging activities and interaction with faculty and peers have higher retention, graduation and satisfaction rates.

Complete NSSE results from 722 four-year colleges can be found in the Promoting Engagement for All Students: The Imperative to Look Within report.

Having prided itself on its commitment to student involvement for years, Clemson is honored to have its work recognized and appreciated through this ranking.

A summarized version of Clemson's survey findings is available online at <http://www.clemson.edu/academics/nsse/groups.html>.

Looking to the future, Clemson hopes to further engage faculty and students in research and extracurricular activities, building upon the quest to become a Top 20 institution.

## PLAN from page A1

feiting talented researchers for the University but also future donors.

Schwier predicted an increase in graduate applications due to the current economic crisis and suggested a revamp in the graduate experience to attract these new students to Clemson's master and doctoral programs.

He proposed more collaborative projects and group or team work to simulate real life experience in the work force.

Schwier ended by calling upon the graduate student body to embrace the student athletes at Clemson, acknowledging the Graduate Student Government's efforts to promote school spirit on campus and to make their voices heard among the student population.

President Barker began his speech by praising the endeavors of Clemson's faculty, staff and student body towards making the University a Top 20 institution, and he proceeded to point out many of Clemson's other notable accomplishments such as being ranked the number one place to work in academia by The Scientist magazine.

Compared to its 2001 statistics, Clemson has made huge strides in academic development — going from a 39th ranking to the 22nd spot, improving the graduation rate by 7 percent and almost doubling the University's Ph.D. enrollment. This year's freshman class was of the highest academic caliber ever to enter the University, exhibiting Clemson's rise in the academic

arena.

Barker expressed high hopes for Clemson in the next five years, outlining the specific goals of being ranked within the Top 20 public universities, increasing South Carolina's prosperity, solving current societal problems and distinguishing Clemson as a reputable institution of higher learning.

The president also addressed the struggle for funding that is creating much anxiety among the Clemson community.

He outlined strategies to mitigate the effect of the economic downfall that included eliminating vacant and temporary positions, eliminating unnecessary travel, replacing one-time funds with recurring dollars and increasing the University's revenues.

Both the Graduate and Undergraduate Student Governments have assembled task forces to brainstorm and aid administrators with these implementations.

Barker also noted the required five-day furlough for all faculty members next semester and encouraged contributions to the newly established furlough relief fund.

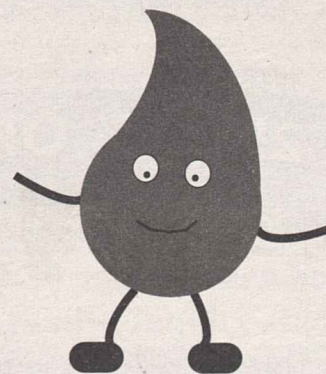
Following his speech, President Barker engaged students in a question and answer segment during which he was asked his opinion on issues such as housing, student fees and even football.

All three presidents carried out the purpose of the first State of the University address in further informing Clemson's student body about the current and future focuses of the governing bodies.

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# Eleventh sorority added to Greek order

Panhellenic Council votes to initiate Sigma Kappa as its newest member.

**ASHLEY CRISP**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Panhellenic Council voted Wednesday night to bring an 11th sorority, Sigma Kappa, to Clemson.

The final decision was narrowed down to Sigma Kappa, Alpha Phi and Pi Beta Phi.

Recruitment for Sigma Kappa will begin with an informal session in the spring. Formal recruitment will take place in Fall 2009 with the other 10 sororities.

The decision to extend an invitation to an additional sorority was based on the 2008 Panhellenic recruitment season, according to August Darnell, vice president of Clemson University's College Panhellenic Council. This fall, more than 700 women signed up to participate, more than ever before. This level of interest in Greek life made the Panhellenic Council consider adding another organization.

The extension process began with the formation of a committee. Representatives of all 10 Panhellenic chapters are a part of the committee, including advisors, chapter presidents and the Panhellenic Executive Board. Any Panhellenic chapter in the United States not currently represented at Clemson University was provided the chance to send information, visit the University and send packets to be reviewed for extension.

The extension committee reviewed the information provided by the potential organizations. The committee then decided to invite three to travel to Clemson, S.C., and present why the board should consider them to be the next sorority on campus.

The visits by Sigma Kappa, Alpha Phi and Pi Beta Phi included meeting administrators, chapter presidents, the extension committee and the Panhellenic Executive Board. It also included an open presentation with a question and

answer session. The extension committee met on Tuesday and presented its decision to the Panhellenic Council. The council decided Wednesday to pass the committee's recommendation, providing female students with another sorority to consider joining.

This decision allows Sigma Kappa to begin initial plans for recruitment and colonization in the spring. The sorority must meet all requirements set forth by Clemson Undergraduate Student Government (CUSG) to become a recognized organization. According to Patrick Becker, CUSG organization director, the group of students interested in bringing this group to campus will need to fill out the online recognition form, create a constitution and set up a recognition meeting.

When asked about the length of time required to become a new organization, Becker said, "It all depends upon when College Panhellenic Council turns in the application. As soon as it's turned



On-campus housing prepares to welcome its newest sisterhood.

in, it should be less than one week."

The organization must also fulfill and maintain the requirements of an organization under the Panhellenic Council.

Leadership positions for Sigma Kappa will be determined at the latest by Spring 2008. Housing for the sorority is already in the works. Darnell

said a space is available in Smith Hall, currently being used to accommodate freshman women.

"Being able to extend shows great strength in our Panhellenic Council and Greek Life as a whole, and I feel privileged to be part of the process," said Taylor Sink, president of Zeta Tau Alpha.

## CUSG executives held accountable

Presidential and Vice Presidential platforms reevaluated.

**COHEN SIMPSON**  
STAFF WRITER

With rampant talks of budget cuts and furloughs, many individuals across campus are being extensively evaluated, potentially facing termination.

Both Callie Boyd and JT Clark, who currently serve as the Clemson Undergraduate Student Body President and Vice President, respectively, are paid via stipend officials of Undergraduate Student Government.

They are subject to review in accordance to the platforms they were elected upon.

Boyd and Clark feel they have met the

expectations of their constituents, the student body, both believing they have made the appropriate progress at this point in time.

"Up to this point, a lot of research and planning has been the gist of my project completion," said Clark.

"I believe that the progress so far has met their expectations but I look forward to seeing these initiatives through and going above what's expected."

Boyd said, "Students have more input on important issues facing this University than any other time in our University's history."

When asked what specific issue or problem on campus moved them to run for their

respective position, Boyd was chiefly concerned with the implementation of the library fee.

She said she felt "the administration had forgotten how important student input was and had begun to ignore it."

Boyd submits the fact that she was the first student to attend the retreat of the Board of Trustees.

She also led the initiative in ensuring that President Barker appointed student representatives to every task force analyzing budget cuts as evidence for her adequate address of the problem that called her to action.

Clark worked toward giving Clemson

University a "chance to help raise awareness and positively affect our environment."

Currently a recycling event is planned for the spring, lining Clemson recycling efforts against those at South Carolina.

Clark is striving to engage fellow students in this process and a lack of alternative options to drinking and driving.

This includes creating more potential transportation between campus and the city of Clemson.

Both elected students will continue to work on their projects until the next group of leaders is elected.

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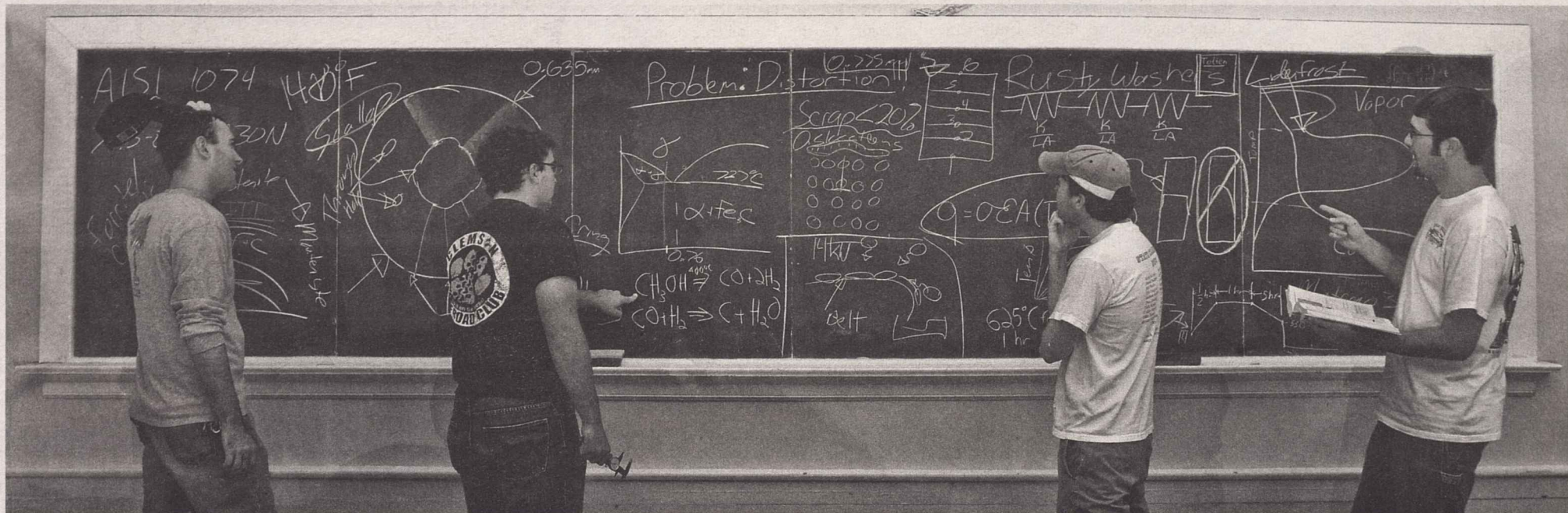
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# Hands-on research broadens horizons

Creative inquiry provides innovative learning experience in multiple fields.



Four Clemson mechanical engineers work on senior research project in collaboration with the creative inquiry initiative.

**ASHLEY GARRIS**  
COPY EDITOR

Creative inquiry classes at Clemson are providing students with research experience through an in-depth, hands-on approach to learning.

As Clemson continues moving toward its Top 20 goal, creative inquiry projects allow students to step outside of the usual classroom setting and conduct research of their own.

Projects place emphasis on developing communication skills, reasoning and critical thinking skills, ethical judgment and an understanding of different methods of research.

From engineering to theatre and from nursing to political science, each academic department at Clemson offers creative inquiry projects for students

interested in expanding their knowledge and experience in specified areas.

One goal of creative inquiry is gaining real-world experience.

"I was involved in Computer Science 481, which simulated an open-source software development company, where we (the students) were in charge of developing online survey software, along with all of the business-related issues that go along with it," said senior Luke Segars.

"The professors took a somewhat hands-off approach, and it let us apply everything that we learn in standard classes in a fun and interactive way."

Not only do creative inquiry classes provide job experience, but they also allow students to engineer products that could save lives.

"The aim of the 'Functional Tissue Engineering of Heart Valves' creative

inquiry is to use tissue engineering approaches to create and test implantable heart valve replacement," said Jiro Nagatomi, professor of bioengineering.

"Students can learn and recognize the complex process of scientific research while solving hands-on, open-ended research problems."

Other projects put students in positions to raise awareness and add a personal touch in helping others.

"In Nursing 499, the goal of our project is to increase the awareness of health disparities within minority communities and to provide education regarding nutrition behaviors," said senior Jennifer Poole.

"After the final meeting with patients, my creative inquiry group is now analyzing the data from these tests and from a focus group of participants."

Creative inquiry classes also take students to foreign countries to gain experience outside the classroom.

Members of Anthropology 496, "Project El Purgatorio" allowed students to travel to Peru for an archeological dig.

"Creative inquiry gave me experience in a third world country, and it taught me to work in teams with people of different nationalities," said senior Toni Boyer.

"Workwise, it got me an internship in Gatlinburg at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and an archives job at the Strom Thurmond Center."

Also, the College of Business and Behavioral Science along with the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities offer a wide range of creative inquiry projects, such as "Preaching from the Bully Pulpit: Religion and the Public

Presidency" and "Ethnic Children's Literature and Camp Read-a-Rama."

The Department of Performing Arts is working on a project exploring how Ambrose Volland transformed the art world as a mentor.

"We hope to provide the University with a play that looks at how commercial art dealers affected the creation of art and how mentorship can be an art in itself," said Director of Theatre Mark Charney.

"We also hope to look at the making of art from the inside out and to put a play together with music, art and theatre students working alongside those in English and philosophy."

Creative inquiry classes give Clemson students real-world experience inside and outside the classroom as well as opportunities to explore their interests through intensive research and study.

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# DVD production upholds University values

Technical writing students collaborate to create educational video for McCants Middle School.

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**KATE RIPLEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Clemson has always prided itself on student engagement and participation, especially projects which involve the community.

Numerous service learning projects take place on campus every day; the results of which are beneficial to both Clemson students and locals.

Currently, one class is working to uphold this tradition of community involvement and productivity by putting classroom skills to work.

Students in Professor Ashley Cowden's technical writing class are currently taking part in an interesting learning opportunity.

Partnering with McCants Middle School, the class is producing an educational DVD about

cheating and the dangers thereof to discourage students from academic dishonesty.

Because academic dishonesty is a growing problem among high school and junior high students, the technical writing class saw a need to educate students about the long-term consequences that cheating can hold.

This semester-long project was started earlier in the year because of its attention to servicing the community as well as its collaboration with the curriculum of the technical writing class.

Objectives of this course include analyzing audience and context while working in groups to create a product of technical skill.

Also, students are taught to identify and address informational societal needs and respond effectively.

tively.

While helping students obtain bankable skills for the real world, this project will also create a long-term impact for the students of McCants as well.

"Currently we are working hand in hand with the students there to come up with a script for the DVD, which will be performed by students from their school, and then we will collect all the raw footage and put it into a DVD presentation for the middle school to use for many years to come," said technical writing student Heather Nelson.

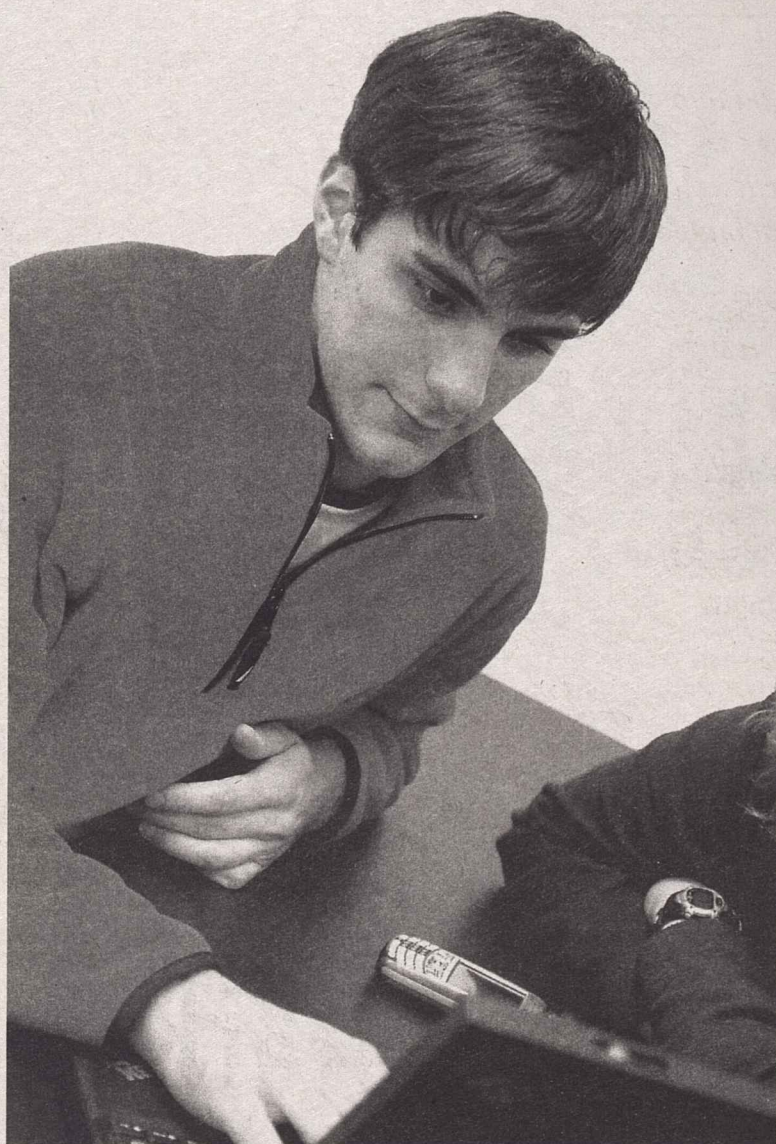
The DVD will embody the characteristics of honesty, integrity and respect that lie at the heart of Clemson's vision. This DVD will also reinforce Clemson's academic integrity.

The University adheres to a strict policy regarding academic dishonesty, and being a part of this project reinforces these values while encouraging future Tigers to embrace them as well.

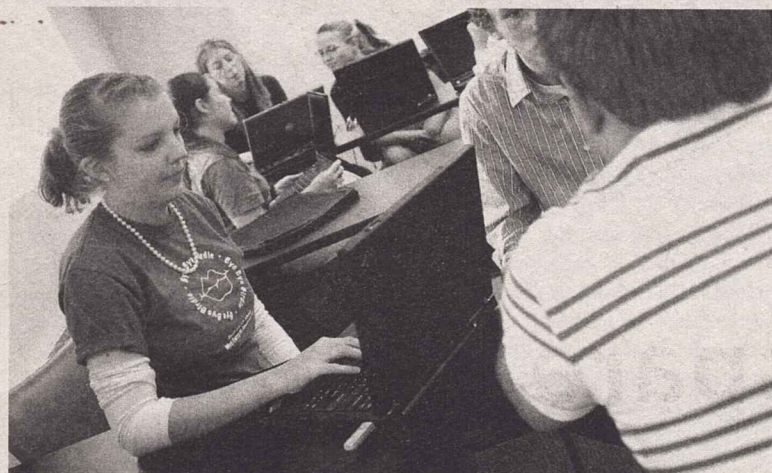
Both Clemson and McCants students will be starring in the production as well as other familiar faces.

"We will be getting President Barker involved," said Nelson. "And there is also talk of getting SC Senators involved as well."

The DVD will be presented on Dec. 4 to McCants Middle School. Students in professor Cowden's class are excited to participate in this unique learning experience but even more honored to give back to Clemson's local community.



Brian Park reviews and edits footage for McCants DVD.



Professor Cowden's technical writing class works on informative DVD.

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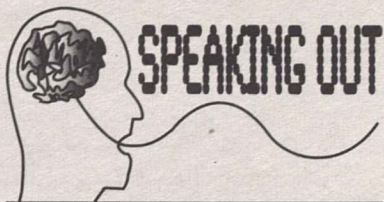
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*Do you think President Barker should take a pay cut in light of the recent budget crisis?*



**Kyle Inglis**  
graphic communications  
freshman

"No, he should not receive a pay cut, unless his raise comes from the same area that is being budgeted."

"Yes, I do believe he should receive a pay cut, because if the rest of the faculty is suffering from the budget cuts from the state, he should as well."



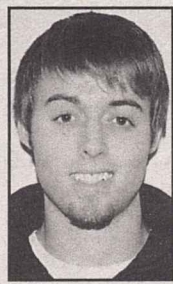
**Ryan Etheridge**  
engineering  
freshman



**James Folsom**  
finance  
freshman

"Pay is something that you do not decrease when in a budget crisis. Spending is where the changes should occur."

"Maybe he should just take a five-day furlough like everybody else."



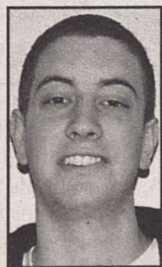
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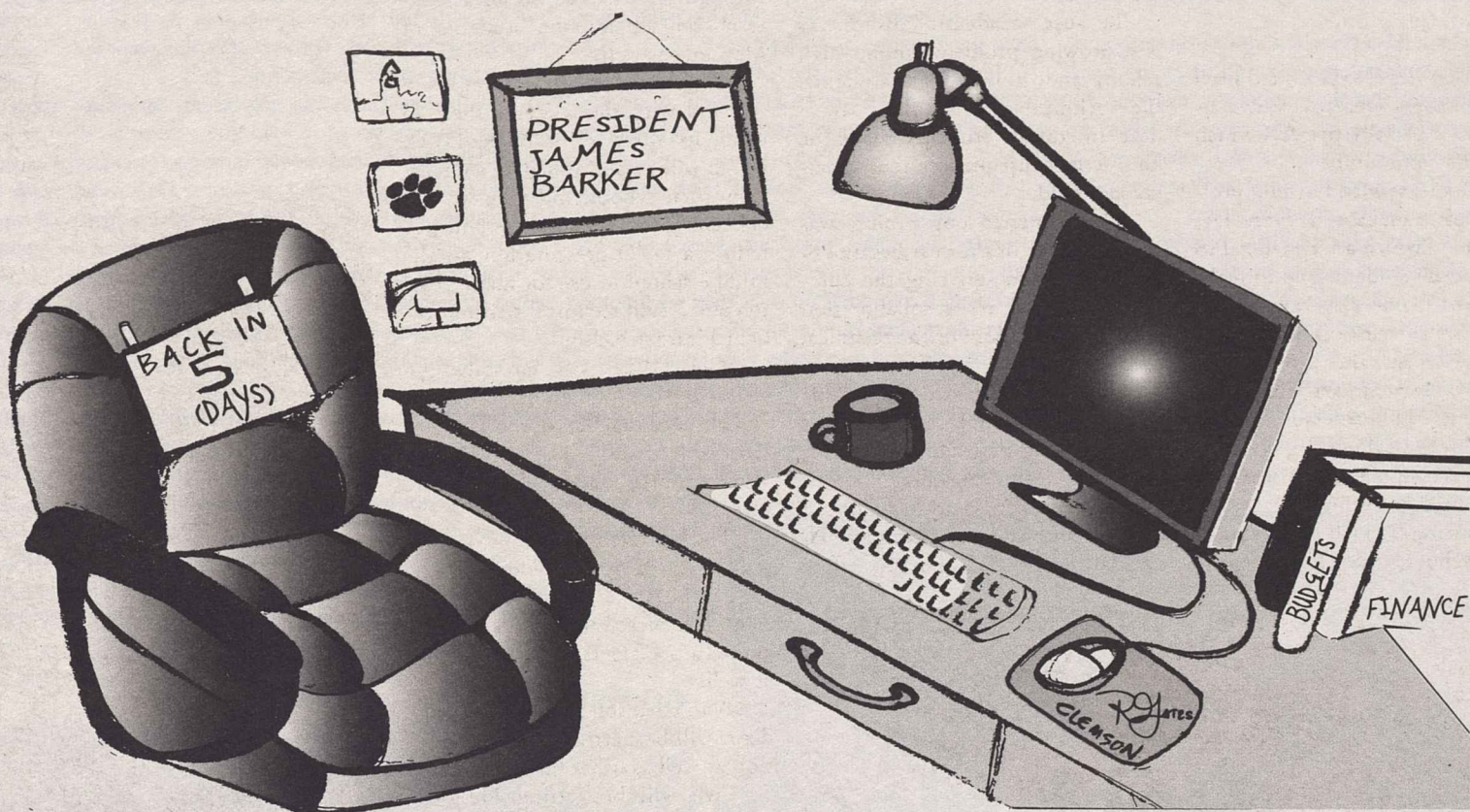
**Sean Friend**  
economics  
junior

"It seems like he should get a pay cut in lieu of what's happening like everyone else."

"It's funny how we get all these notifications about the budget crisis. It seems like everyone including President Barker should have to make sacrifices in light of the situation."



**Tom Dianora**  
sports marketing  
sophomore



## Barker, can you spare a dime?

An honest take on Clemson's budget cuts and the president's role in them

In times like these where work seems harder to come by or keep, the pay is lower and the hours are fewer, dwelling on how "the other half lives" is practically a matter of reflex.

It's predictably easy to vent our frustrations on people who don't seem affected by our kinds of problems, and, as such, it's also predictable that our venting isn't always as righteous as we might think.

With this in mind, it's only natural to expect some anger when you read about a recent study which found that pay packages for presidents at public universities rose nearly 8 percent this year.

It's only natural to question the sincerity and dedication of a university's president to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn on students, faculty and staff when that president received a publicly funded pay raise.

But let's not be too hasty in our judgments.

Our natural responses to news like this aren't always the ones we should stick with.

Usually, whenever we think we have a situation all figured out it means we haven't thought hard enough about it.

So let's think harder about it. The easiest way to do that is to look deeper into the facts of the matter.

Earlier this week, the Chronicle for Higher Education — a newspaper dedicated to colleges and universities — released a study which found that pay packages for presidents at public universities rose an average of 7.6 percent this year.

The Chronicle gathered salary information on university presidents through public records.

According to the report, President James Barker's total

compensation rose from \$411,430 to \$430,438 this fiscal year.

It's important to note that this figure represents both the publicly funded and privately funded portions of his salary among other compensations.

President Barker's publicly funded salary is less than half of the total compensation figure given above, and that portion of his salary rose \$6,200 this year, according to the Chronicle's report.

Still, the question remains: Did President Barker need that pay raise?

What does the raise say about his pledge, found in the Budget Impact section of the President's Office Web page, to "work together as One Clemson" to overcome the financial crisis?

Here's where we need to remember that President Barker received the pay raise before this economic turmoil set in and the budget cuts to the University were announced.

Given Clemson's \$25 million budget cuts in the next fiscal year, it seems that the public portion of his salary will be reduced as well.

If it isn't reduced, then you can probably expect righteous indignation from students, faculty and staff.

Some people have suggested that President Barker's furlough should be longer than those required by other Clemson employees as a gesture of his commitment to solving the budget crisis.

However, this suggestion would do more harm than good.

All Clemson employees who are required to take the furlough are obligated by law to take the same amount of time in unpaid leave.

If President Barker were to increase the duration of his own furlough, he'd be legally required

to increase everyone else's.

As is, the five-day furlough required of Clemson employees is projected to save \$5 million in the next fiscal year, according to a statement from President Barker.

Others feel he should "take one for the team" and put the pay raise back into the University to help alleviate the budget cuts.

This kind of concern seems mostly to suggest that what Clemson needs is a strong symbolic gesture from its president that he's willing to do his part to show us through the budget cuts.

Well, it seems as though he's doing just that.

President Barker recently announced a donation fund for Clemson employees who will be most affected by the coming furloughs, aptly named the One Clemson Furlough Relief Fund.

According to a statement issued by President Barker, the fund is geared toward helping Clemson employees closest to or below the poverty line first and foremost.

All Clemson faculty and staff required to take part in the furlough can apply for relief, and anonymous donations are accepted from students, faculty, staff and alumni.

In a recent video address to the University, President Barker said that donations from himself and his wife Marcia were the first to be put into the fund.

This seems like the kind of symbolic gesture that we should rightly expect out of our University's president.

While we can't know the exact amount of the donation made by President Barker due to the anonymous process for donating, we can at least take comfort in the fact that he has shown commitment to the people who are getting the short end of the stick from the

budget cuts.

Furthermore, a quick glance at the Budget Impact section of the President's Office Web site reveals dozens of suggestions and comments from Clemson students, faculty and staff about ways to tighten the University's belt over the next fiscal year.

Some of those suggestions include the kind of relief fund that's already up and running.

President Barker doesn't seem to be asking for comments and suggestions from us merely as a form of damage control, he seems genuinely interested in this University's welfare.

He seems to rightly understand that making it through these massive budget cuts requires input from people at every level and from every perspective.

So let's not fly off the handle with bitterness at how "the other half lives" in this case.

As it turns out, "the other half" seems just as concerned about getting all of us through this together.

If we hold any indignation against the president for his pay raise, we can keep our eyes fixed on his salary for the next fiscal year to see whether or not we're justified.

At the very least, let's use that kind of bitterness as a springboard for empathy.

After all, there are plenty of people who work on this campus who would consider us "the other half," no matter where we fall on the socio-economic spectrum.

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## COMMENTARY

# Will the real conservatives please stand up?

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



In light of the economic and political turmoil in which America currently finds itself, it's hard to imagine that the solutions to many of the problems we face could come from a windsurfer.

Unlike most windsurfers, this particular one happens to be one of the finest and most popular politicians currently serving in office.

He is a statesman who has earned the respect of his constituents largely because he practices conservatism rather than simply preaching it, and he is none other than South Carolina's Governor Mark Sanford.

The most impressive characteristic that Sanford possesses is his financial common sense.

Since he has been governor, the state's deficit has plummeted and the state has achieved something rare for governments of any size — a budget that is in the black.

Ironically, most of the opposition to Sanford's show of fiscal restraint came from the State General Assembly, which is controlled by mem-

bers of his own party.

For example, in 2006 he rejected the General Assembly's entire budget because it would not make the necessary cuts.

The pressure eventually caused the General Assembly to pass Sanford's budget cuts, largely because his veto could have shut down the entire State government.

In 2004, 105 of 106 of Sanford's budget vetoes was passed by the General Assembly, proving that few Republicans today are conservatives.

In response to this lack of fiscal restraint, Sanford brought live pigs to the General Assembly to protest all of the "pork" that passed over his veto.

Lately, Sanford has been the only governor to oppose the federal bailouts of other states.

Not only do large banks with poor business practices get a handout from the government at the expense of the taxpayers, and not only is the federal government considering doing the same thing for Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, but it is also prepared to dole out money to states that exhibited the same types of bad business practices.

In a recent article published by the Wall Street Journal, Sanford explained that the wrong

message will be sent to states if Congress starts handing out money to those that are fiscally irresponsible.

"Those [states] that have been fiscally responsible will pay for or lose out to the big spenders," said Sanford.

"California increased spending 95 percent over the past 10 years (Federal spending went up 71 percent over the same period.)

To bailout California now seems unfair to fiscally prudent states."

While the federal government is rescuing people from their own bad decisions, Sanford is consistently the voice of reason in a government that is largely out of touch with its constituents.

The main argument against Sanford is generally a misunderstanding of fiscal responsibility.

As expected, his requests to cut money from higher education have not gone over well in Clemson.

However, most who disagree with his policies do not realize that Sanford actually cuts money from everywhere he can, and that higher education should not be exempt from spending money wisely.

Referring to state universities like Clemson and South Carolina, Sanford suggested that "If any institution ultimately feels uncomfortable

with our push toward coordination, they can exit the system and go private."

There is a huge base of people in South Carolina who understand personal liberty, limited constitutional government and financial responsibility. This is perhaps why Sanford is so popular among his constituents.

Unlike the Republicans in the General Assembly and elsewhere in government, Sanford acts on these key principles.

Unfortunately, the State Constitution prohibits anyone from being governor for longer than two terms. (Sanford would most certainly have the popularity to win the gubernatorial election again).

As a true statesman, however, he would more than likely step down voluntarily after two terms even if not required by law.

This means the only way for South Carolina to continue improving as it has under Sanford would be for Sanford to become the President of the United States. It's about time to elect someone to Washington who has a little bit of common sense.

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## COMMENTARY

## Post-election shock therapy

WILLIAM QUALKINBUSH

Guest Columnist

If you are like me, you have spent the past several days in a rut.

To be perfectly honest, this year's presidential election cleaned my clock.

Even though all the pundits said it probably would be a Democratic massacre, I stood firm — despite my objections and issues with the Republican candidate — and I cast the first presidential vote of my life for a John McCain-Sarah Palin ticket. And America let me down.

Not only that, but America let herself down. Without getting too deep into a debate over policy, because I do not want this to be a campaign ad, our president-elect has no business running anything.

Not a school, not a business and certainly not the greatest nation in the history of mankind.

There is something inherently wrong with this nation electing a man with such far-left principles to our highest office.

The ideals our next president bases his political career on and his ideas for where he wants to take this nation are totally contrary to mainstream American thought.

America wants lower taxes.

America wants government spending under control.

America wants the capitalistic system to prosper, not for it to be disbanded.

America wants real energy independence, not just empty words and political posturing; America wants an end to earmarking and corruption in government; and America wants integrity in the White House.

Unfortunately for America, many of its people have missed the mark, because they have voted for a person who does not agree with these ideals and sees the traditional American value system as a threat.

As I have reflected on this election, I have consistently come back to the same question: How in the world could this happen?

Just four years ago, Republicans controlled the House and the Oval Office and maintained a virtual tie in the Senate. The conservative right held the same positions of power that the liberal left currently holds.

Somewhere along the line, elected conservatives forgot how to govern and lost an ability to connect with an American populous that agrees with conservatism every single time.

There are several reasons I have come up with for this collapse

of Republican politics.

First of all, conservative leaders in Washington have succumbed to the pressures of the D.C. culture.

Republicans in Congress have been successfully attached to scandal and corruption, which erodes the moral compass which the Republicans have used to attack Democrats for decades.

It is very true that instead of changing Washington, Washington has changed many of the members of the GOP — and not for the better.

Second, Congress and President Bush have continued to increase spending despite a rising national debt.

This goes totally against conservative principles, as the size of government has continued to boom while the credibility of the party has continued to go down the toilet.

Unless this problem is corrected, there won't be much difference between the budgets for either party, which is totally unacceptable.

Finally, there has been a lack of forceful, effective leadership among Republicans in Washington.

When Republicans were in power, they didn't know how to use that power effectively, and because of that they now sit in the

minority by a wide margin.

As the minority party, there are very few people who can now lead the party back to its roots due to the style of governmental warfare being waged by the Pelosi-Reid-Obama left.

For conservatives, this election represents a crossroads. Until conservatives get back to the basics, they will not be the ones making the changes that affect American lives on a daily basis.

As conservatives, we cannot be afraid to tell people what we believe, because the other side is actively doing the exact same thing.

We are the ones that will have to do the changing. We cannot wait for someone else to come along to make real change in the Republican Party, because conservatism is not about a single figurehead or a group of leaders in Washington. Conservatism is about farmers and businessmen and firemen and teachers.

It's about steel workers and oilmen and Air Force pilots and construction workers.

It's about Wall Street and Main Street, the rich and the poor. It's about individuals coming together to make America great.

The Republican Party needs desperately to remember where it came from — what the party of

Reagan and Lincoln was and how it got there.

Otherwise, these Democratic leads in Congress will grow larger, and the leaders on the other side will grow bolder.

Sometimes, in my mind, I can see the golden age of conservatism.

I do not remember the Republican Revolution of 1994, but I do sympathize with it.

The conservatives won a resounding victory based on a set of principles the people in Washington still claim to adhere to but fail to exemplify.

Those days of a clear message and clear values in the GOP are long gone. The time for change is now, because if we wait, it might be too late.

The first step to overcoming a problem is admitting that one exists.

Myself, I will exhaust all my avenues and all my resources to ensure that the country I was raised to love and to cherish will remain the same for future generations.

We cannot afford for much of the change that has been promised to take root, not for our sake and not for our children's.

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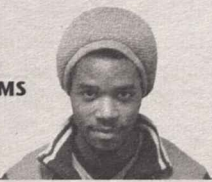
## COMMENTARY

# My president is black

A new opportunity for America to embrace its differences.

**JASON WILLIAMS**

Columnist



I've been hearing this a lot lately, and come January I may be saying it too. As for right now though, my president is George W. Bush. Definitely not black.

Suffice to say, the turnout for this year's presidential election has resulted in a wide array of responses.

I watched the election night coverage on campus with my Indian neighbor and Caucasian roommate, both of whom were equally enthusiastic about the outcome, but as an African American, I felt like I was experiencing something fairly unique.

Around 11 p.m. my mother called me, crying tears of joy, going back and forth between telling me how unbelievable this all was and instructing my aunt to go ahead and get the good bottles of champagne out.

My 99-year-old great grandmother, upon being shown a picture of the next president, simply threw her hands in the air.

It's hard to imagine how much change she has seen in this country. This is an unquestionable milestone.

Hearing my family celebrating what must have felt like a personal victory to them, I had to blink a few times to retain my composure as well.

Then my mother asked me where I was and told me to go home, reminding me that I was in Clemson, S.C., and most of the people around me did not vote for Barack Obama. So while I may have felt like I was in Grant Park, the majority of the state was much more like the Arizona Biltmore.

Naturally, I wasn't about to let that rain on my parade.

I'm a Clemson student, after all. We are nationally recognized for partying, and this was cause for a celebration.

So my friends and I celebrated.

But for the next few days, I was forced to endure some of the most radical displays of ignorance I have seen in at least a week, and many of them weren't from McCain's supporters.

I'll reluctantly give a few examples, in the fortunate case that many people haven't been exposed to anything like this.

Basically, for the sake of a laugh, people have been sending around text messages and forum posts saying things like:

"America is changing the national bird from the bald eagle to the fried chicken."

"Did you hear they're tearing down the Statue of Liberty and replacing it with Aunt Jemima?"

"Due to the recent poll results grape soda, Kool Aid and fried chicken will now be tax exempt."

"NEWS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE: GEORGE BUSH'S WALLET IS MISSING ALREADY."

"I just realized everything is gonna be OK. Have u ever heard of a black man keeping the same job for four years?"

"ATTENTION ALL WHITE PEOPLE: Please report to the cotton fields tomorrow at 7 a.m. for orientation. Thank you, Barack Obama."

Can I just say things like this make my head want to explode? And this is not even close to as bad as it gets.

America has come such a long way since my great grandmother was born, and it seems we have much further to go.

Granted, if one lives in a glass house, he should not throw stones, and anyone who knows me well has probably had the unsettling experience of hearing me say some of the most deplorably ignorant things you

will ever hear, only to burst into laughter in response.

So I understand a lot of this is supposed to be funny, but it is also very wrong.

There are real racists out there who feed off of ignorance like this, finding strength in numbers where it shouldn't exist.

Barack Obama was elected president because of what he stands for and what he hopes to do for the future of our country.

He is African American because his father was African and his mother was American.

Without going too deep into discussion on the apparent residuals of the same one-drop rule which told my great-grandmother's father that even though he looked as Irish as St. Patrick's Day, he was black, I just want to explain that Obama is a multi-racial man.

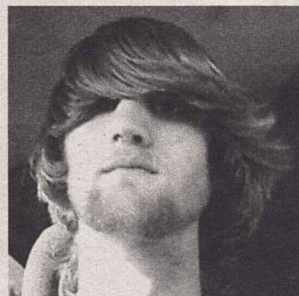
This is a multi-racial nation, and it took people of all backgrounds and walks of life to put him into office.

We cannot afford to step backwards into ignorance and division during a time when we should understand how important it is to move forward, together.

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## In Loving Memory of Tyler A. Narr

June 8, 1992 – August 23, 2008



In all our lifetimes, we meet and pass by so many people—some of which we never take a second glance at again. There are those, however, who stamp our lives with the seal of friendship and who permanently impact our days at first meet.

These angels I speak of teach you how to laugh more simply because their laugh is so contagious. You find yourself playing more often because they love to have fun. They teach you how to appreciate all the little mishaps and silly situations in life for the simple reason that youth accepts and grows from everything thrown their way.

Tyler A. Narr, at 16 years of age. His life was tragically cut too short. The life and fun he gave to all who knew him will never be forgotten. We are all better individuals because of this young man.

A light-hearted, happy, fun, loyal friend, devoted brother and loving son.

Tyler's dream was to continue sports and his education at Clemson University.  
The Clemson/Gamecock game was always a holiday in his household.

On behalf of Tyler, his mother Joyce Bihl, his brother Chris Tucker, family and friends, we'd like to thank Clemson University for allowing us to express our love and support. God Bless you all. GO TIGERS!

Contributed by: Holly Noel Stoyanowski

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clemson University has many acres of roof tops. Since at least the 1970s, technology has existed to generate electricity from sunlight with photovoltaic panels. The panels could reduce the buildings' electric load.

Outdoor lighting is another option for PV cells. Also flat plate collectors can be built for domestic water heating or space heating. There is potential for PV with battery backup for service utility vehicles on campus also.

Being an agricultural site with hundreds of acres is a great source of sensible energy. Biodiesel and ethanol can power vehicles and back-up generators. And think about the tons of tree, leaves, crops and animal waste for methane conversion into fuel or heat generation.

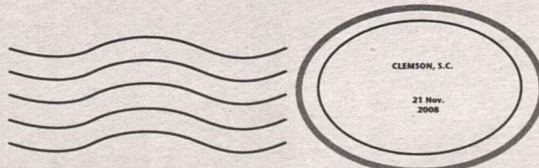
These technologies could be built with readily available materials by students as research projects, giving them hands-on knowledge to carry with them wherever they may end up.

Lord knows we get a good share of sunshine in S.C. Let's take advantage of what nature offers. Had this been initiated years ago and utilized today, we may not be in this budget crunch on campus. The University would be a good model and example, and help it become a Top 20 university.

Sure recycling, environmental protection, including energy and water conservation, is important, but to me it is just plain common sense. Let's go a step further with sensible energy.

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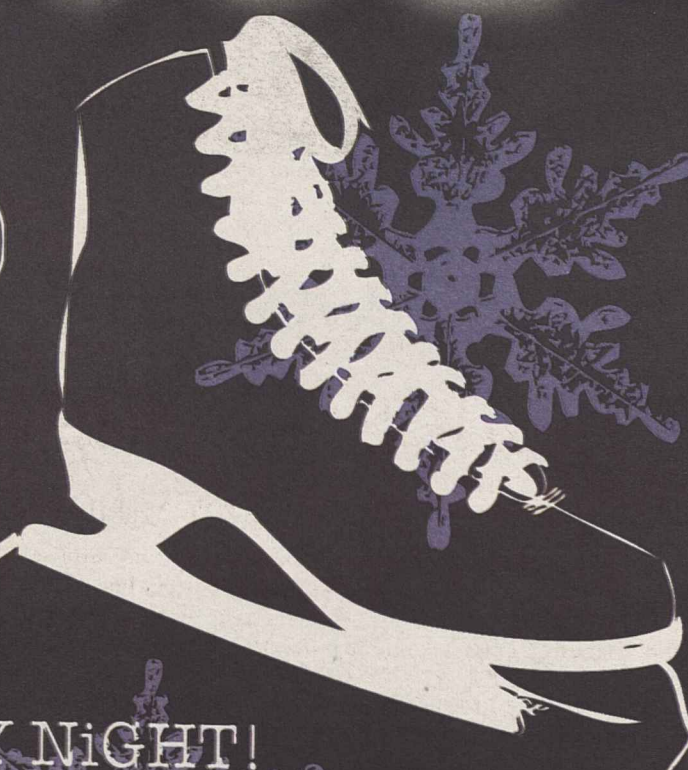
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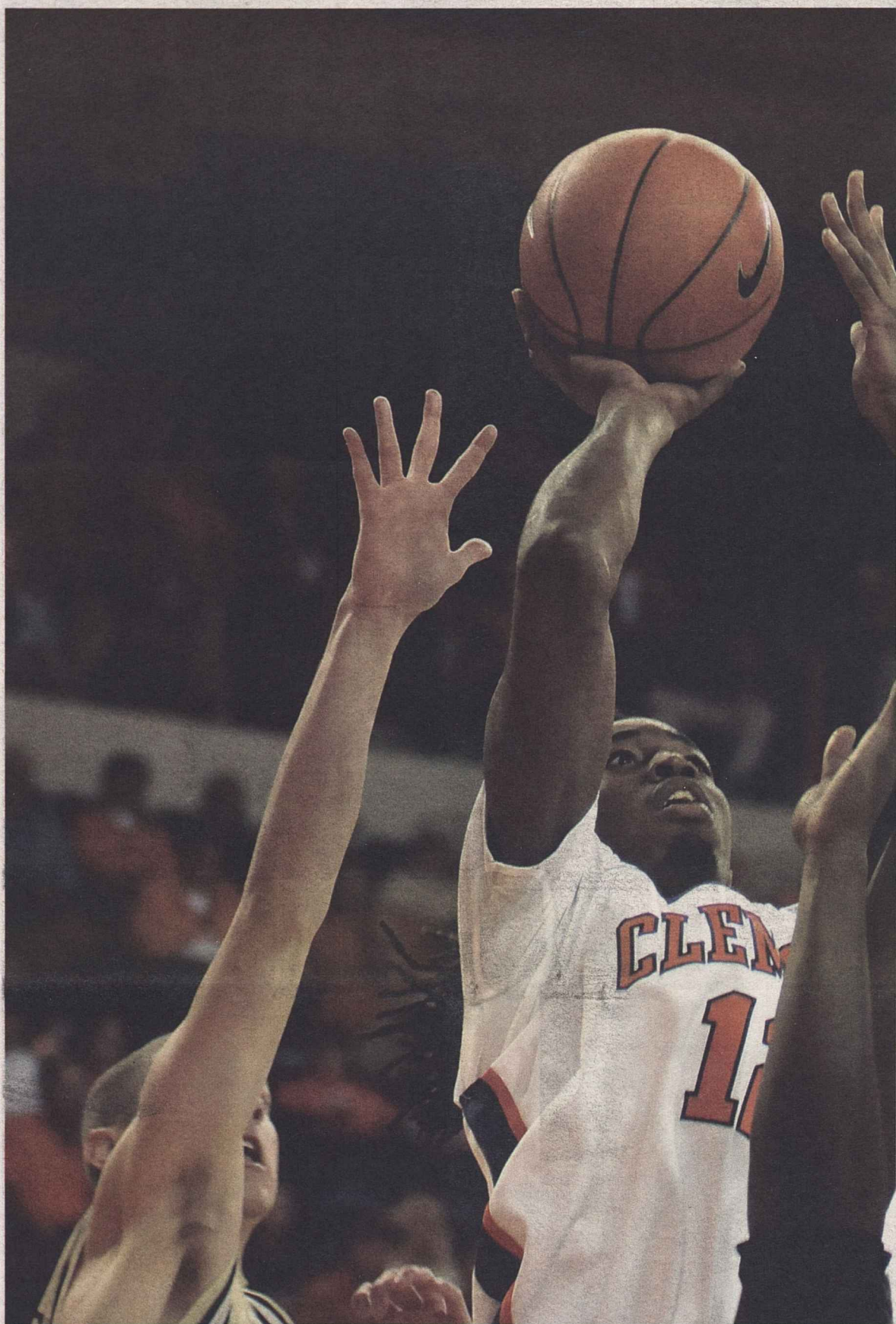
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Raymond Sykes takes a jump shot. The senior scored 10 points in the Tigers close win over Temple.

## Clemson clutch in Charleston

Booker named tournament MVP.

JASON PATSKOSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team started their "We're not satisfied" campaign last Friday when they competed in the first games of the 2008-2009 season. Two days after signing three major recruits, the Tigers made the trip down I-26 to compete in the Charleston Classic to try to win their third regular season tournament in three years. Clemson opened both the tournament and the season against Hofstra. The game had some new looks that didn't include the new three-point line. Friday night was the Clemson debut for freshmen Bryan Narcisse, Tanner Smith and Andre Young. It was also the first look of the Tigers without Oliver Purnell's first recruiting class. The game started with Hofstra taking a 3-0 lead, but the Tigers answered right back with a 15-0 run led by Trevor Booker who had seven points including a three-pointer. The run was capped by Terrence Oglesby's back to back three-pointers. The Tigers never looked back.

One improvement was free-throw shooting. Clemson shot 75 percent in the second half hitting 18 of 24. The final score was 98-69 in favor of Clemson. The scoring was spread around with 12 of 14 Tigers adding to the point total including all three freshmen. Booker led the way with a double-double, and Smith looked impressive with 11 points.

The win against Hofstra set up a

second round match with TCU. This game was played sloppily by both sides and was a defensive struggle throughout. Booker once again led the way but this time on defense with 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots. The teams traded the lead frequently during the game, and no team could really gain an advantage. In the second half, the Tigers showed why there are so many expectations this year by pulling away to win 70-58. The win sent Clemson to the tournament final to face Temple.

Temple fought the Tigers the entire 40 minutes. No matter how big of a lead Clemson would have, the Owls would find a way to climb back into the game. Before halftime the Tigers were up by 12, but Temple hit some major outside shots to cut the lead in half as the half closed. During the early stages of the second half, Clemson built up a comfortable lead of 14 and appeared to be pulling away. They maintained it until the final minutes of the game when Temple guard Lavory Allen scored eight points in two minutes to cut the lead down to two.

With only a little under three minutes left in the game, the outcome would be determined by the Tigers Achilles Heel, free throw shooting. Clemson showed however that they had improved once again in the area hitting all the necessary shots from the line to win the game 76-72 and take home the tournament trophy.

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## Cross Country finishes strong

Men and women finish 10th at NCAAs.

TYRONE GAYLE  
STAFF WRITER

Both Clemson's cross country seasons came to an end last weekend in Clemmons, N.C., where each ran in the NCAA Southeast Region Championship at Tanglewood Park. Each had a solid outing, as both programs came away with 10th place team finishes. The women's strength behind their finish lied within their front-runner strategy, as they were yet again led by sophomore standout Jenna Baker who came away with the highest honor between both teams. Baker crossed the line in 12th place, and came away with All-Region honors, a first for a Lady Tiger since the 1998 season when former Clemson women's cross country runner Beth Ahern ran such a performance. Baker was also an All-ACC performer earlier this season, so the continued success of the Bellevue

Ohio native is of no surprise. She posted a solid 6K time of 21:27.0 on Saturday, which was an improvement of 20 positions from a year ago, when Baker was 35th at the Southeast Regionals as a freshman.

Following Baker was seasoned veteran Laura Laughlin, who finished in a time of 22:17.1. After Baker came sophomore Joanie Castagno, freshman Kim Ruck and sophomore Stephanie Buffo to round out the team's scoring. The Lady Tigers have vastly improved from a year ago under the guidance of Head Coach Gordon Thomson, and their 10th place finish was their highest since 1999 when Clemson finished ninth at their region meet.

The Clemson men's team used a strong pack to lead them to their 10th place finish, led by senior cap-

## Tigers "Spill" over Duke

Kelly breaks ACC Career Receptions record.

HUNTER KNOWLES  
STAFF WRITER

Many Clemson fans were reminded of what a blowout looks like after Clemson (5-5, 3-4 in the ACC) thumped Duke (4-6, 1-5 in the ACC) 31-7 on Saturday. The Tiger defense held Duke to just 168 yards of total offense. Quarterback Cullen Harper played a turnover free game for the first time in seven games. The Georgia native also completed an impressive 20 of his 26 passing attempts to total 292 yards in the air. It was the most yards in a game this season for Harper. The Clemson ground attack was also effective with James Davis adding two touchdowns. Davis is now only four short of tying Travis Zachary's school record of 50 career touchdowns.

C.J. Spiller continues to be a focal point for the offense, and he capitalized by having a record-setting Saturday. The junior running back added an 83-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter, which is the longest in school history from a running back



C.J. Spiller leaves a Duke defender in the dust.

The reception also gave Spiller 108 receiving yards on the day, which is a single-game record for a Clemson tailback.

Aaron Kelly became the ACC's all-time reception leader after catching his tenth pass of the day and 217th of his career. The senior wideout broke a record set in 1998 by Wake Forest's Desmond Clark

Kelly is now just 129 yards short of breaking Terry Smith's school reception yardage record.

The offensive line took a step in the right direction against the Blue Devils after a setback at Florida State.

The unit has struggled to stay

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# CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA

MIKE MYLAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers had a huge success last week with an impressive win against the Duke University Blue Devils at Death Valley. The Tigers (5-5, 3-4 ACC) were able to dominate much of the game and pull away with a 31-7 victory. The victory brought some relief to Clemson fans after the Tigers appeared to have turned the corner against Boston College two weeks ago but then stumbled when they played Florida State the following week.

The Tigers look to their next opponent this weekend as they travel to Charlottesville to face the University of Virginia Cavaliers (5-5, 3-3 ACC). This is a crucial game for Clemson as they still have the opportunity to qualify for a bowl game with a win

this weekend and a win next week against South Carolina to close out the season and notch seven wins, which would make them a strong bowl candidate.

This will be no easy feat for the Tigers as the Cavaliers are in a similar position, fighting for a possible bowl bid. Fortunately, as of late the Cavaliers are on a two-game losing streak. Virginia has had a very strange season when it comes to their victories and their losses.

They were able to beat two ranked teams, Georgia Tech and North Carolina, and defeat an impressive Maryland team that had beaten Clemson earlier in the season. On the other hand, they got stomped by a 4-6 Duke company 31-3 and had a less than impressive home victory against in state University of Richmond, a lowly FCS (Div I-AA) team.

The Cavaliers are led by their potential first-round draft pick, offensive tackle Eugene Monroe, who anchors an offensive line that has not quite come together.

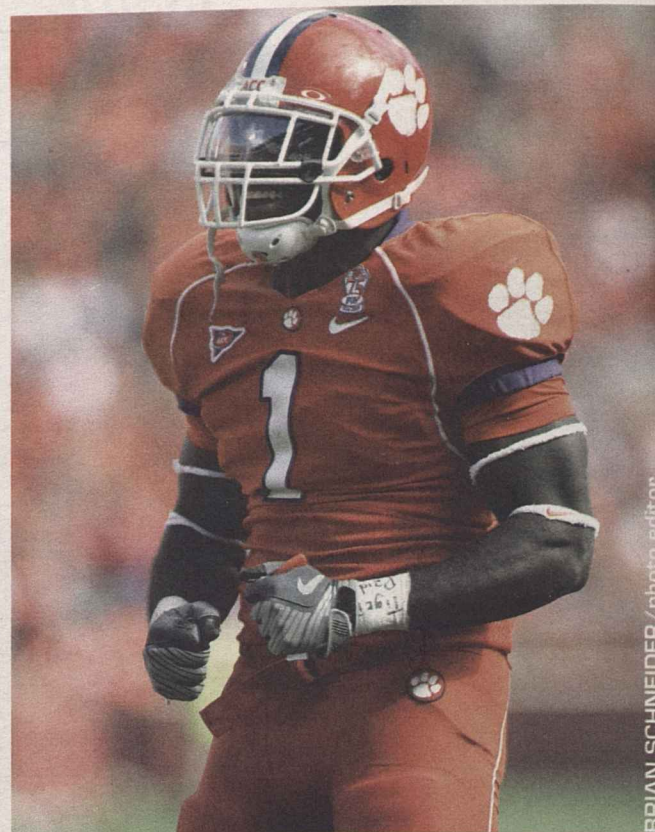
Sophomore quarterback, Marc Verica, has shown promise at times this season after replacing former quarterback, Peter Lalich, who ended up transferring after the second game having been benched for Verica.

Verica has had a tendency to make some rookie mistakes throughout his games, throwing three interceptions in a loss to Wake Forest last weekend. He is also criticized for taking too much time in the pocket as the offensive line has allowed nine sacks since he's been the quarterback.

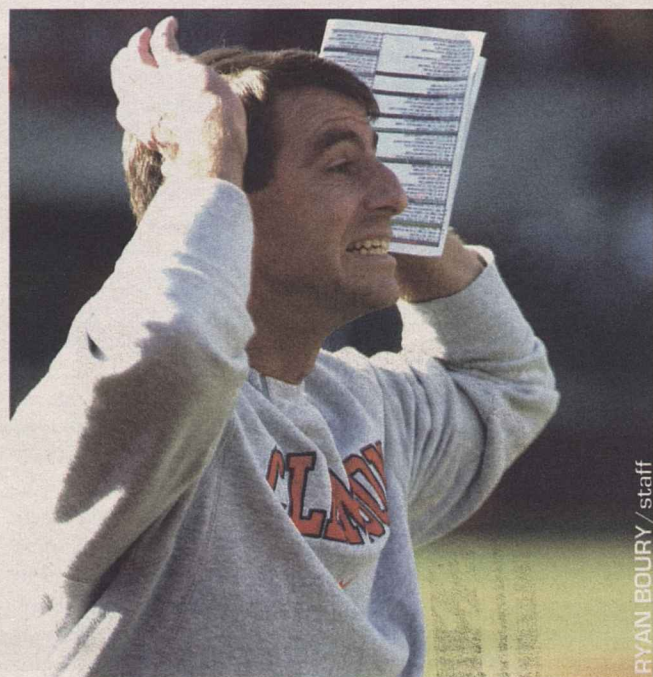
On paper, Clemson looks more impressive in almost every category. Through 10 games they've outscored the Cavs by nearly 100 points and held other opponents to nearly 50 points less than the Cavs have. Clemson leads in total yards, passing yards, rushing yards and nearly every other worthwhile statistical category.

Yet somehow, no Clemson fan can be completely confident on a win on any given Saturday this year. Clemson has only been able to beat one team with a winning record this year and at times has looked completely confused as to what they are doing on the field.

However, if the Tigers can play the way they did for the first halves against both Boston College and Florida State and how



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they played against Duke last week, they should have an easy time handling the Cavaliers.

Quarterback Cullen Harper and his crew are coming off one of their best games. Harper went 20 for 26, making it one of his highest completion percentages of the season, looked to be in last-season form through most of the game. He appeared more poised and comfortable in the pocket than earlier this season.

Look for C.J. Spiller to have another great game this weekend against Virginia as he really has displayed his ability over the past couple of weeks.

His 83-yard touchdown last week against Duke was the longest reception by a Clemson running back in school history. James Davis also had a spectacular game last week with two rushing touchdowns and looks to carry the momentum on throughout the weekend.

Despite the erratic play of the Tigers over the year, they are too talented to let Virginia get the best of them this weekend. With a potential bowl berth on the line, look for the Tigers to come out early and put points on the board against a weak Virginia defense.

If the Clemson defense can continue their strong play from last week against Duke, then it should be a great game. Watch for the game on Raycom this Saturday at noon.

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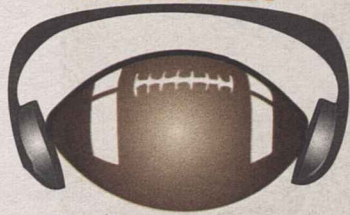
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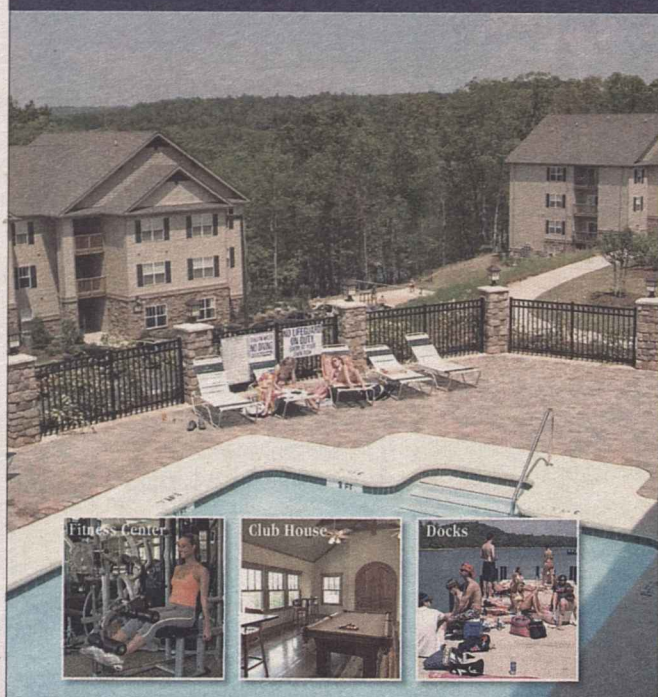


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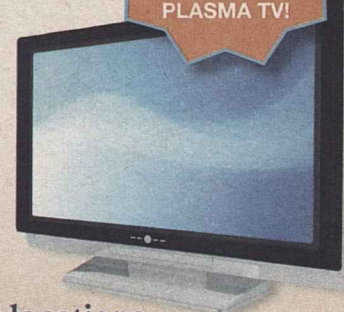
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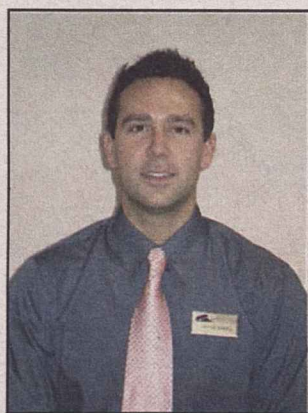


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# Healthy Eating: It's all about choices!

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist  
Clemson Dining Services



Which items to choose...healthy, savory, light, heavy, low carb, low fat? Sometimes lots of options can be great – but lots of options can also lead to poor choices! So when you're choosing items for your salad, here's how to get from the lines to your seat unscathed – limiting your sodium, saturated fats, and sugar.

A salad is a great choice, but some items on the salad bar just don't hold up. Let's start with your lettuce. Pick the dark and colorful greens and skip the iceberg! The more colorful greens will get you more Vitamins A, K, C and fiber, while the iceberg will provide about 10 times less Vitamins A & C (ounce for ounce), some fiber, and water.

Next, load up with colorful veggies, about 1 cup. Pick the carrots, green and red peppers, broccoli, and cherry tomatoes, but skip the cucumbers and celery. Broccoli and peppers are chock full of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, while the cucumbers and celery are mostly water and aren't as nutrient dense.

Pick the black or kidney beans and chickpeas for your lean protein option, about ½ cup of these. The chickpeas or beans provide a great source of non-fat protein (6-7 g) and are good sources of magnesium, fiber, and folate. Hard boiled eggs are also a good source of protein, but go easy, as the yolks can quickly give you excessive cholesterol.

Skip the creamy dressings! They're tasty, but can be loaded with saturated fat, cholesterol, and calories. Just 2 tablespoons of blue cheese salad dressing can add up to an extra 160 calories! Go with the low fat choices, like the low fat Italian and the low fat Ranch (yes it's low fat!) as they will spare you plenty of calories and none of the flavor.

Discussing what to pick or skip can really help out this time of year, as the holidays are fast approaching. As we wrap things up at work and in class, we'll be spending more time with family and friends, which means lots of wonderful food! So inevitably, we'll be faced with picking or skipping certain foods.



## Tips for Getting Through the Holiday Season

- Keep things in perspective when you are dining with friends and family. Overeating one day won't make or break your eating plan. It takes days and days of overeating to gain weight. If you over-indulge at a holiday meal, put it behind you. Return to your usual eating plan the next day without guilt or despair!
- Avoid consuming a lot of beverages with added calories, such as soda and sweet tea. Replace those sugary beverages with water or other calorie free alternatives, like Crystal Light lemonade or Sprite Zero and save yourself the added sugar and calories.

So, above all, enjoy this special time with friends and family, and remember that a few slip-ups over the holiday season do not spell disaster. E-mail me at [nutrition@clemson.edu](mailto:nutrition@clemson.edu) if you've got any questions or need some help with picking certain foods over others. Happy Holidays!

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# BATTLE OF THE PALMETTO STATE



**DANIEL TAYLOR**

SPORTS EDITOR  
THE TIGER

Tiger Nation has had little to roar about this season. The drubbing by now No. 1 Alabama in the season opener killed any anticipation for a successful season. Following the devastating loss, Clemson limped through their ACC schedule. The hiring of Dabo Swinney rejuvenated the Tigers enough to gain a rare victory over Boston College, but there remains a gloom in the 2008 season, as they continue to fight for a winning record.

However, dejected Tiger fans do not need to look far to realize our situation could be worse. Just over two hours away in our state capital, one can observe how pitiful a football team can be. These not-so-lovable losers of the college football world are the South Carolina Gamecocks. If Clemson fans ever feel down about their team, just think of those poor South Carolina students.

The last time USC undergrads witnessed back-to-back wins over their hated Tigers was

1969 and 1970. Unfortunately, most Americans were too jacked up about the recent moon landing to really notice. Even most home games in the rivalry are heartbreakers for the Gamecocks, as Clemson has won 10 of the last 11 games in Williams-Bryce Stadium. The Battle of the Palmetto State almost never ends well for Carolina students. On the other hand, the Clemson graduates of 1983, 1991, 2000 and 2005 can brag that they never lost to South Carolina in their college careers.

Even outside of the series with Clemson, South Carolina has nothing to hang their hat on. Prior to this season, their all-time record stood at 521-520 — just one game above .500. For a fanbase as large as South Carolina, this winning percentage is pathetic. Among schools that regularly have 80,000 people at home games, South Carolina has the worst record in the country. Not one school with at least 60,000 per game attendance has a losing record; two years ago, USC was the only one. The largest fan bases that have similar all-time records to the Gamecocks are Iowa State and Kansas State. However, their attendance numbers are usually well under 50,000.

What makes Carolina's situation even more pitiful — I can't think of a good reason USC is that bad historically. Our state produces some great high school athletes. The Gamecocks play in the most attractive football conference in the land and have a great gameday atmosphere. Everything on paper says they should be an annual football powerhouse. The problem hasn't even been the coaches.

Over the years, South Carolina has had some of the best coaches in the land — that is, before they lead the Gamecocks. Three USC coaches (Paul Dietzel, Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier) won national championships before coming to South Carolina. However, this trio of national title holders at USC combined for zero 10-win seasons, one conference championship, and a 6-12 record versus Clemson. Despite making history at other schools, these top-caliber coaches ruined their careers the moment they set foot in Columbia. Thank goodness John Heisman, Bear Bryant and Tom Osborne never coached at South Carolina. College football would be without so much of its lore and pageantry.

When USC adds to their long history of losing to Clemson, I urge Tiger fans to resist the urge to kick the Gamecocks when they are down. When they use names like "rednecks" and "Cow College," they are simply acknowledging our century of dominance by resorting to insults instead of records. Have comfort in the fact that even if Clemson doesn't make a bowl game, at least it didn't take us 102 seasons to win our first one.



**MICHAEL AGUILAR**

SPORTS EDITOR  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

I have waited through four years and just as many different sports editors at The Daily Gamecock to get my chance to say my piece. Every year The Daily Gamecock and The Tiger exchange columns for a war of words before Carolina/Clemson and now it's my turn to speak.

It reminds me of an experience that my buddy Hace had. Hace attends the University of Georgia but grew up a fan of Ole Miss. Hace hated Tommy Tuberville because of the way Tuberville handled leaving the Rebels in 1998 for their SEC West rivals the Auburn Tigers.

Hace despised a lot about the way that Tuberville carried himself and finally, when Tuberville was patrolling the sidelines at Sanford Stadium, my friend got his chance to tell the object of his hatred how he truly felt.

He waved his arms and shouted, "Tommy! Tommy Tuberville!" Finally, Tuberville turned and looked. Tuberville stared him right in the eyes. My friend was blown away; it was his moment, his one chance to say everything that had boiled inside him for seven years.

For some unknown reason with the weight of lifetime fandom on his shoulders, all that he could muster while staring down the man who had left him so many years ago was

"I can't stand you!"

Sure, I could write a column about the many reasons I have to hate Clemson University.

I could talk about Charlie Whitehurst and how he quarterbacked for my high school's rival. I could talk about how my hatred for Whitehurst brewed in the suburbs of Atlanta before boiling over in Columbia.

I could talk all about the plain hideous nature of everything Clemson, from orange overalls to orange uniforms to orange cars to orange buildings. Nothing looks good in orange. Not to mention all the purple uniforms that make the Tigers' traditional run down the hill look less like a football entrance and more like a gay pride pa-

rade. Not that there's anything wrong with a gay pride parade compared to football, it's just that never shall the twain meet.

Speaking of sheer ugliness.

I could talk about anything from the quality of Clemson girls (Is that another cow? Or a Clemson co-ed?

Who can know?) to the ugliness of Clemson spirit. Do I need to bring up Yusef Kelly? What about the fact that the Clemson/Carolina game was suspended for seven years after Carolina's first victory because Clemson cadets attempted to take over USC by force? Talk about sore losers.

Clemson cannot even treat its own employees with some civility.

All Clemson faculty and staff were asked to take an unpaid five-day vacation because of economic hard times. "We don't want to pay you, but we also don't want you to have a good reason to go out and find a better job either. So just have this 'vacation.'" Really? Classy.

Then of course I could just hate on Clemson because when you boil it all down, that pitiful university in the Upstate isn't really anything other than the pure embodiment of every negative stereotype the rest of the nation has about this beautiful state.

I could just say that Carolina fans have hated Clemson for more than 100 years, so why stop now?

However, now that the moment is finally here and it's my chance to say whatever I want to the Clemson world, I can really only think of one thing. So here is my message to everything Clemson, to every student, fan, professor, dean, president, booster, alumni, custodian and athlete. I say only this.

I just can't stand you.



# Lady Tigers fall to Furman, rebound against PC

Clemson kicks off season 1-1; looks to improve against South Carolina.



Junior guard Lele Hardy stares down an opposing player.

**SARAH PORRI**  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Lady Tigers basketball team opened their 2008-2009 season against Furman University last Friday in Greenville. Going into this season, the program returned nine letterwinners and has six newcomers to the team. Clemson fell to the Lady Paladins, 82-68 last week in Furman's Timmons Arena. Clemson was unable to overcome a second half charge by Furman and were 0-1 for the season. Just two days later, the Lady Tigers redeemed themselves with a win to open their home season on Sunday, defeating Presbyterian 66-35 in Littlejohn Coliseum. On Friday, the Lady Tigers were led by leading scorer Lele Hardy, who had 19 points for the night. Teammates Kirsten Wright and Whitney Hood also contributed to the Lady Tiger effort, scoring 12 and 11 points, respectively. Down in the first half, Hardy started the 16-point run by Clemson to bring them closer to Furman. Hardy stole a pass from Furman and

made the layup, but was fouled. She converted the free throws to bring the Lady Tigers to only seven points behind the Lady Paladins.

The gap was narrowed even more by efforts on defense with a steal from Wright. She put up two more points to cut Furman's lead to just three points with just over six minutes to go in the game. A technical foul disrupted the flow and the Paladins were able to increase their lead to eleven. The Lady Tigers were unable to catch them.

The Lady Paladins were 80 percent from the free throw line as the Lady Tigers were just 70 percent. In her first appearance, sophomore Jasmine Tate grabbed five offensive rebounds and three defensive rebounds.

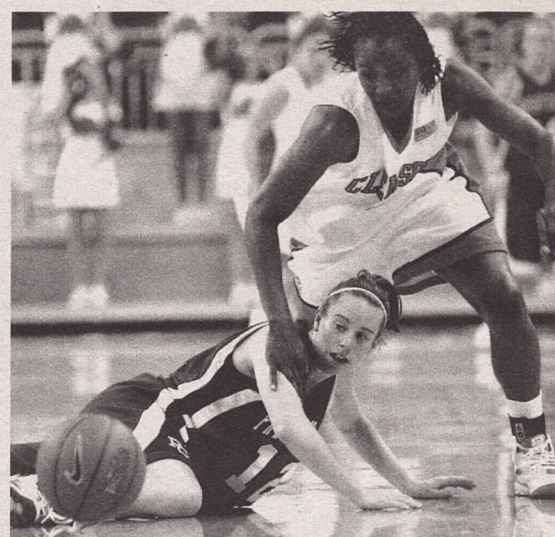
The Lady Tigers looked for redemption on Sunday afternoon as they faced Presbyterian at home in Littlejohn Coliseum. Tate was instrumental in this game, as she scored six points during an 18-3 run at the end of the first half to score in double figures for the first time in her career. Har-

dy was high point scorer for the second game of the season with 13 points.

Clemson did better at the foul line on Sunday with just six fouls the entire game. Rebounds were another area where the team excelled, with 24 defensive rebounds for the game. With 19 steals, Presbyterian was forced to 30 turnovers. Off these turnovers, the Lady Tigers were able to score 33 points compared with just five points for the Lady Blue Devils. Up by five points in the first half, the Lady Tigers came out and increased the lead to 23 points with a layup from Wright. The Lady Blue Devils tried to fight back but were unable to keep hold of the ball. Bryelle Smith was a major contributor to the day's victory with 10 points, five steals and four rebounds. She scored the final points of the game and extended the lead by 31 points. The Lady Tigers will be back in action on Wednesday in Columbia as they take on arch-rival South Carolina. The Lady Gamecocks are coming off a loss against Penn State this past Sunday. The time for tip-off is set at 7 p.m.



April Parker scrambles for the ball against Presbyterian.



Lele Hardy hustles on defense, forcing a turnover.

## Fantasy Football: A Dunn Deal.

**RYAN LAUNIUS**

staff writer



Week 11 has come and passed, and with it came some surprises and many lessons learned. For instance, the Dallas offense learned to put points on the board this week with the return of Tony Romo.

The Titans learned they are so good they are going into week 12 undefeated despite Kerry Collins being the best quarterback they have. Just in case you did not fully take it in, when I say Kerry Collins I am talking about the 14-year veteran who has a career 73.7 quarterback rating and has managed only to throw for six more touchdowns than interceptions in the NFL.

The most costly lesson learned came from Roddy White, who realized that he needs to catch passes that go through his hands in the end zone at the end of games. Roddy's miscue cost the Falcons a valuable game in the race for the NFC South.

The funniest lesson, however, came in the Bengals-Eagles matchup when Donovan McNabb learned that ties are possible in the NFL as he marched out onto the field intending to lead his offense to victory while the clock hit zero. Next week, the Eagles franchise intends to teach Donovan what a dropkick is as well as how a play clock works.

### Running Backs:

With Deuce McCallister facing a suspension and Reggie Bush questionable for week 12 and injury prone for the rest of the season, Pierre Thomas may be the best bet for teams in need of a halfback. Despite letting Deuce vulture a touchdown from him against the Chiefs, Thomas managed 144 total yards and a touchdown on Sunday. Even with Bush coming back either

this week or next, Thomas' versatility should pay dividends to fantasy owners brave enough to pick him up. With three of the Saints' six remaining games being against the Falcons, Packers and Lions (22nd, 27th and 32nd worst rushing teams, respectively) Thomas should provide big numbers when your team needs them most.

As Earnest Graham throws in the towel for the season due to knee and ankle injuries, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams enters back onto the Tampa Bay squad after a knee injury suffered midseason 2007. The funny part is that the injury Williams is returning from is the same injury which allowed Graham to become the most talked about fantasy stud at the end of last season. While I do not have as high hopes for Williams this year, I will be so bold as to say that Warrick Dunn is my play of the week for the running backs.

Earnest Graham calling shotgun on the sideline seats for the season leaves Dunn as the premiere back for the Buccaneers. Tampa Bay is heading to the motor city this Sunday to square off against the worst rushing defense in the NFL, giving up 172 yards per game on the ground. Head Coach John Gruden will more than likely be cautious about giving Cadillac Williams too many touches as he eases him back into the game for the rest of the season.

While I am saying Dunn is a better option for this week, I would not count out Williams as a key performer for fantasy teams in the fast approaching playoffs. The guy has yet to take a hit all season, and it's pretty amazing what fresh legs can do for a team. However, if you take away Tampa's week 15 matchup against the Falcons, Dunn and Williams will not play any defenses with poor rushing numbers in a normal fantasy season. But if you are in one of the few fantasy leagues still conducting playoffs in the final week of the season, a healthy Dunn or Williams should have a field day against the Oakland Raiders in front of a packed-out home crowd.

### Quarterbacks:

Shaun Hill is quickly becoming a breakout quarterback late in the season. The eight-year

veteran replaced J.T. O'Sullivan two weeks ago for only the third start of his career after completing 15 of 23 passes for 173 yards while subbing in midgame against the Seahawks in the previous game. The results were mediocre at first, as Hill completed 19 of 40 passes for 217 yards with pairs of touchdowns and interceptions. This past week was a step up as he threw for 213 yards and two touchdowns with half the passing attempts as his first start.

While the new 49ers quarterback has been impressive thus far, he has yet to play a strong defensive team. The three teams he has faced (Seattle, Arizona and St. Louis) are not even in the top 16 NFL passing defenses. San Francisco will be playing against the strong secondary of the Dallas Cowboys' defense this Sunday, so I would not recommend playing Hill.

My recommendation is that teams in need of a quarterback pick up Hill and let him ride the bench as you see how he holds up against a real defense. If you do pick up Shaun Hill, only play him if you are desperate this week because he either going to implode on himself or explode for three touchdowns.

I know I already made fun of him earlier, but if Tyler Thigpen has already been snatched up in your league I would advise picking up Kerry Collins.

He may be old as dirt, but if he keeps playing in Jeff Fisher's conservative game plan without turning over the ball, Collins should put out consistent numbers to help any fantasy team.

While he may only have eight touchdowns to his record this season, his miniscule four interceptions along with his 1755 yards passing add a sense of comfort for fantasy owners who adopt Collins onto their team. With future games against Detroit, Cleveland and Houston, Kerry Collins should be able to put up some big points during fantasy playoffs.

### Wide Receivers:

Tennessee Titans receiver Justin Gage exploded this past week for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Gage has been recovering from

an MCL tear and now appears to be okay after scoring touchdowns in consecutive weeks.

Because opposing defenses already have to play close to the line to stop Chris Johnson and LenDale White, you can expect for Gage to take advantage of the overcompensation and become a consistent deep threat.

Gage will most likely continue to find himself in the end zone in the coming weeks, and a favorable fantasy playoff schedule awaits the fantasy owners who pick him up first.

When you think of the Indianapolis receiving corps, the names that usually pop up tend to be along the lines of Reggie Wayne, Marvin Harrison or Dallas Clark.

But this week, I am expecting big things from Anthony Gonzalez.

Indianapolis squares off this weekend against the San Diego Chargers, who give up more passing yards and touchdowns per game (267 y.p.g. and 17 touchdowns total) than any other team in the NFL.

Gonzalez is still available in 40 percent of leagues, so pick him up quickly if you need another wideout soon because the odds are that when Peyton Manning and company play the worst passing defense in the NFL, everyone on the field will get to score a touchdown at some point.

### Tight Ends:

Vernon Davis has recorded merely two catches in his past couple games. How does that matter in this article?

Both receptions were for touchdowns. So, while Davis has disappointed fans and fantasy buffs alike for most of the season he is at least starting to show signs of life with these two touchdowns in two weeks.

It seems that new quarterback Shaun Hill is starting to see Davis as one of his favorite receivers even though Mike Martz's offenses do not target the tight end often.

I would recommend picking Davis up and waiting to see the outcome of his test against the Cowboys before actually playing him in your league.



**TIGER SCHEDULE****FOOTBALL**

Saturday 11/22  
Virginia  
TBA  
Charlottesville, Va.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Monday 11/24  
NCAA Championships  
TBA  
Terra Haute, Ind.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Friday 11/21  
Maryland  
7 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Saturday 11/22  
Boston College  
6 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Saturday 11/22  
Charlotte  
7 p.m.  
Charlotte, N.C.

Tuesday 11/25  
Savannah State  
8 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Saturday 11/22  
Georgia State  
3 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Tuesday 11/25  
Winthrop  
5:30 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

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tain Sam Bryfczynski who bounced back from a sub par ACC performance, due to injury, to finish 35th overall, in a time of 31:48.8 over the difficult 10,000m course.

Overall, like Bryfczynski, the entire men's team rebounded well after they left the ACC Championships disappointed and dejected with their ninth place finish.

Their 10th place finish marked the eight straight season in which

the program has finished inside the top 10.

William & Mary won the men's competition with 66 points, edging ACC team Virginia by a mere one point in the team race.

Behind Bryfczynski came Jonathan Sunde who finished only eight spots behind in 44th place, with a time of 32:07, easily a personal best 10,000m effort for the Charlotte, N.C. native.

ACC Championship first-best finisher Will Noble finished not too

much farther behind in 64th place, right alongside was sophomore Chris Slate, a native of Wilmington, Del., who finished one spot behind. The final scorer on the afternoon for the Tigers was sophomore Chad Holt, who had a time of 32:56.6.

Both teams will take some much needed rest before they shift towards preparing for track season, in which the athletes will compete in all the distance events ranging from the 800m to the 10,000m.

**HOOPS from page C1**

The championship game was against a quality opponent and probably closer than it should have been. Temple remained in the game thanks to the Tigers 22 turnovers, but

Clemson overcame it. Good teams can make mistakes and still come out on top, and the Tigers showed that they are a very good team.

Trevor Booker was named tournament MVP as well as Co-ACC Player of the Week having a double-double

in all three tournament games.

Clemson brought home its third regular season tournament championship in four years and will continue its pre-conference schedule with a road game in Charlotte on Saturday to take on the 49ers.

**WIN from page C1**

healthy but was able to give Harper and the offense adequate time to develop plays.

The defense recorded three sacks on the day, a season high.

Kavell Conner and Brandon Maye both added one sack each while Jarvis Jenkins and Ricky Sapp split one. In the secondary, Michael Hamlin and Coty Sensabaugh each had key interceptions.

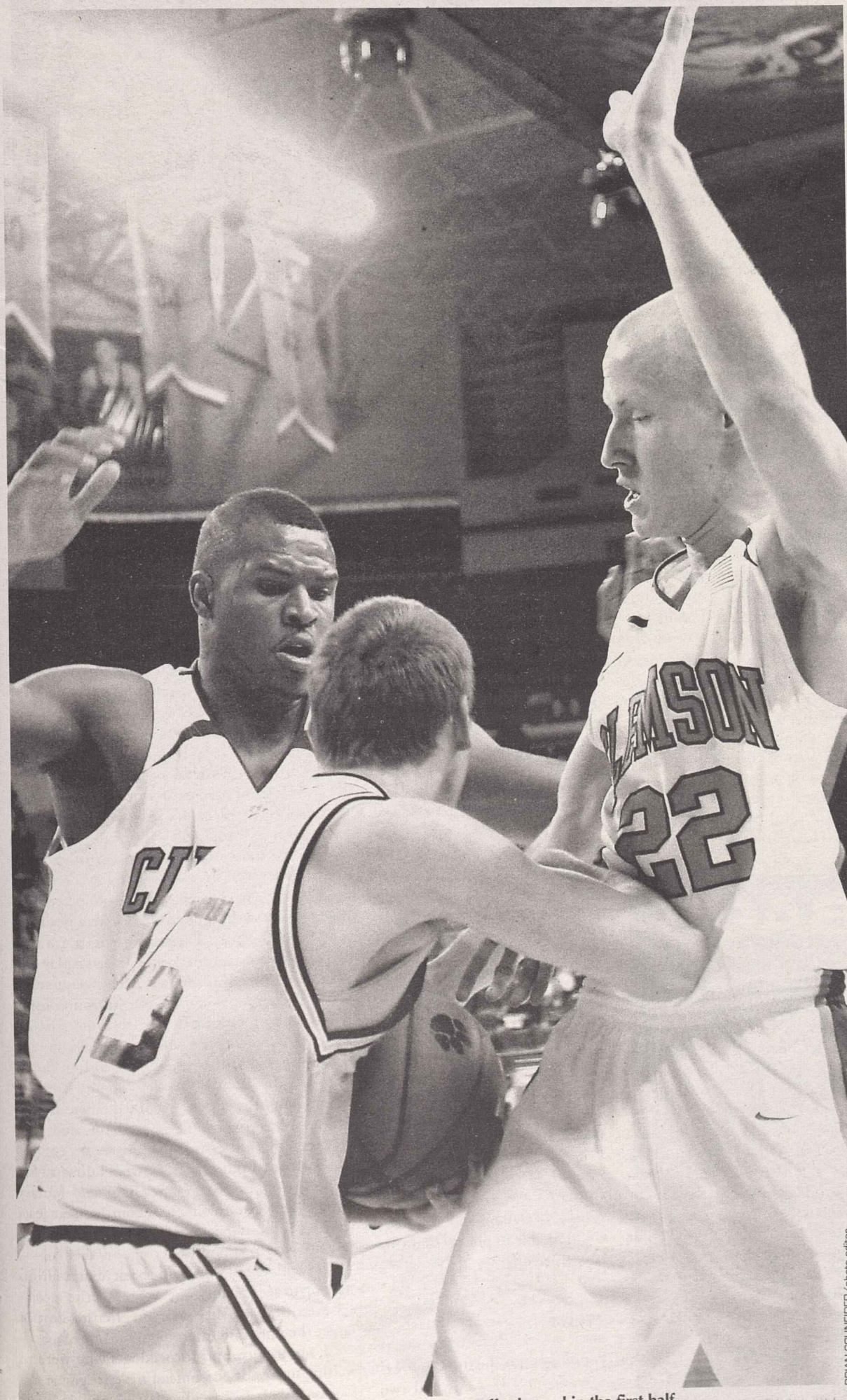
A key turning point in the game was the injury to Duke's star quarterback, Thaddeus Lewis. Lewis went

down during Duke's second offensive possession after a big hit from Rashaad Jackson. Jackson has been plagued by injury for most of the season, but showed his ability to change a game after knocking out the Blue Devil quarterback.

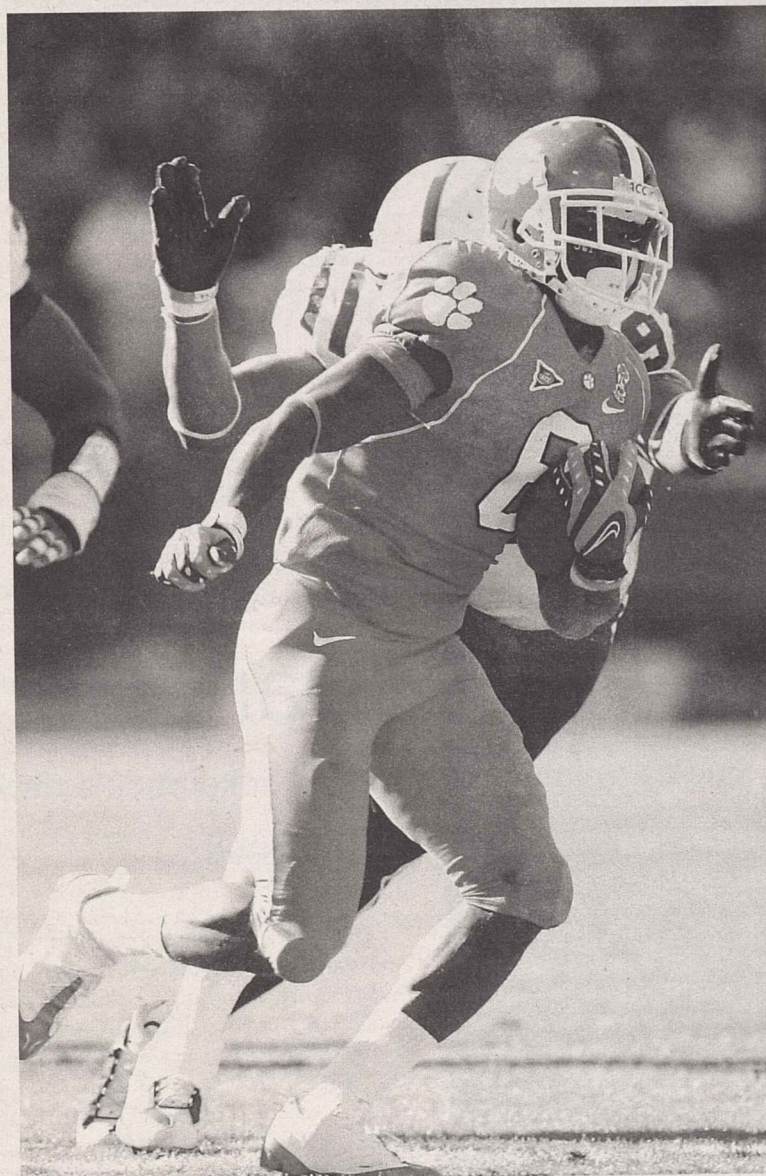
Clemson escaped the game Saturday without any major injuries which has hurt the Tigers all year.

After playing their most complete game of year, Clemson will look to continue its success against Virginia.

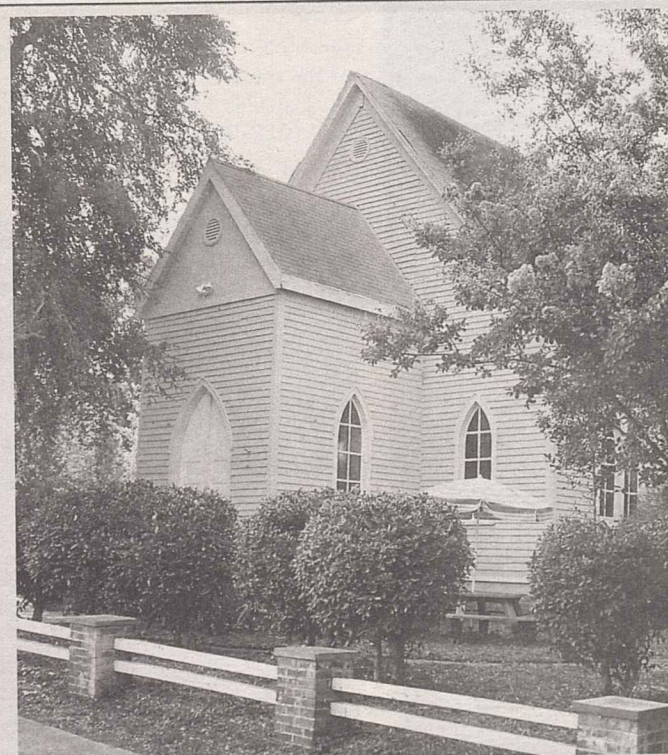
A win in Charlottesville will keep the Tigers' bowl hopes alive for another week.



Junior Trevor Booker and Sophomore Terrence Oglesby trap a Wofford guard in the first half.



Jacoby Ford speeds away from the Duke defense on Saturday.

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## Upstate Calendar of Events

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Clemson ONE Campaign Fair Trade Festival. The Campaign is partnering with Ten Thousand Villages to bring fairly traded arts from around the world to Clemson. Hendrix Student Center atrium. Free. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

24th Annual Clemson-USC Blood Drive. Help Clemson beat USC for the third year in a row. All donors will receive a free long-sleeved, orange T-shirt. Various locations around campus. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jason and the Argonauts. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. \$10 adults/ \$5 students. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Clemson Players present "The Glass Menagerie." Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. \$10 adults/ \$5 students. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Also Nov. 22 and 23.

IPRA Rodeo. T. Ed Garrison Arena. Reserved tickets \$17, general admission adults \$15, general admission children \$6. 8 p.m.

11.22

Religion Seminar by Dr. Paul L. Maie, presented by the Clemson Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod student organization. Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, Seneca, S.C. \$15 per person/ \$3 ages 18 and younger. 8:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

IEW World Bazaar. Come enjoy desserts, fashion and talent from around the world. Hendrix Student Center, Ballrooms A & B. \$3 Students/ \$5 Adults/ Children 4 and under are free. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

11.24

Clemson University Symphonic Band. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

11.26

Thanksgiving Holiday. Also Nov. 27 and 28.

Have an event you want to see featured on the calendar? E-mail [timeout@thetigernews.com](mailto:timeout@thetigernews.com)

## Professor publishes novel

Professor Keith Morris' novel follows the lives of five people.

KELLIE JUREKA  
NEWS LAYOUT EDITOR

Sex, drugs and darts. This is the central theme of "The Dart League King," written by Clemson University professor Keith Morris. The novel follows five characters on a rainy Thursday night in Garnet Lake, Idaho. This is no ordinary Thursday night, though; it is the Garnet Lake Dart League championship.

Russell Harmon is team captain of the 321 Club and has been the individual dart league champion for two years running. Russell spends the time before the match balancing his nerves by alternating lines of cocaine in the 321 Club bathroom and beer. He is preparing to defend his title against ex-professional dart player, Brice Habersham. Russell also has to worry about the debt he owes to his old cocaine dealer, Vince Thompson.

Brice Habersham seems to be an average guy, no one more than an owner of a gas station and an ex-professional dart player. No one knows the nightmare of a marriage he's entangled in or his true career as an undercover agent of the DEA. He sure has a surprise in store for Russell Harmon and Vince Thompson tonight. Who knows, maybe he'll surprise the rest of Russell's team tonight too.

Vince Thompson is a dangerous person to cross. Russell Harmon has no idea what he has gotten himself into. Vince wants the money Russell owes him, or he wants Russell's life. On the other hand, it may be fun to take the money and Russell's life. It soon becomes evident Vince has some severe

issues mostly caused by a bad relationship with his father.

Tristan Mackey is a talented teammate of Russell Harmon's. He is an attractive college graduate ready for the championship and, along with it, his date with Kelly Ashton — the only person to whom he can confess his frightening secret.

Kelly Ashton is a sensual single mother. She has decided to meet Tristan Mackey at the 321 Club. Only two problems exist here. One is that she will be leaving her two-year-old daughter Hayley with Kelly's drunken mother; the other is that Russell Harmon will be there. The night becomes awkward for her when Tristan, her date, says hardly a word to her, and she ends up sleeping with Russell in the back of his truck mid-championship. The good thing about this night is now Russell knows her secret. The bad part is, now she knows Tristan's.

"The Dart League King" colorfully portrays characters to whom readers can relate. Although author Keith Morris said he does not base characters on people he knows, he does include a few childhood anecdotes that bring the story to life. This novel shows how one small decision about getting into a car can change a person's life.

"The Dart League King" was chosen to be a part of Barnes and Noble's Discover Great New Writers. The book, along with 11 others, is featured in the front of Barnes and Noble stores across the country. The book will be featured for three months and is a perfect stocking stuffer. It does contain some harsh language but is definitely still worth reading. Morris has created a novel that will stick out in readers' minds for years to come.

# The Dart League King

a novel



Keith Lee Morris

"The Dart League King" is Clemson professor Keith Morris' second novel. He also published a book of short stories.

## "Dark Horse" proves nothing

Nickelback's new album keeps Nickelback on free fall.

GREG BLANTON  
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time there existed a northern territory called Canada. In this territory nothing much happened, and nobody did anything of significance. Canada had only two chief exports. The first of these exports was a pointless "sport" called hockey, which, after trying to compete with boxing and mixed martial arts audiences, lost all viewers and quickly fell into obscurity, eventually becoming extinct. Even today most people have never heard of the sport.

Canada's second chief export was Nickelback, a musical group that rose to popularity 8 years ago.

Nickelback claimed to have played music in the rock 'n' roll genre, and for a time this ruse worked. The band managed to sell millions upon millions of records. Each of the band's releases managed to sell more than the last, culminating with "All the Right Reasons," which somehow managed to distribute an appalling 12 million records before President Schwarzenegger banned Nickelback's music in the 52 states in 2016. President Bono expanded this law to an embargo of all Canadian music in 2028.

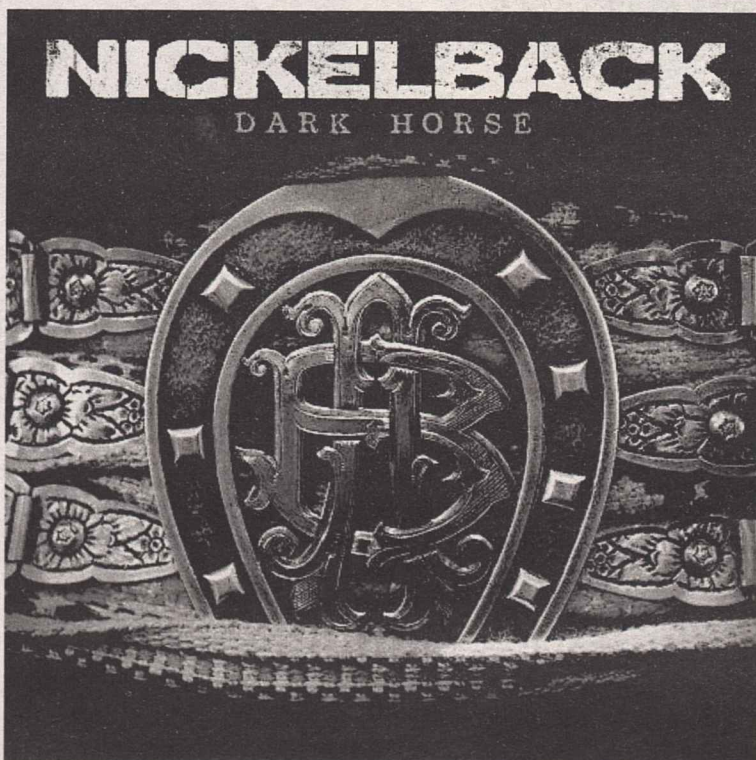
For a time Nickelback was one of the most popular and best-selling musical groups on the planet. That is, until the band released "Dark Horse," which proved to be

the record that finally opened the eyes of all the millions of ignorant consumers who had until that point blindly allowed the Canadians to spoon-feed them hours of sonic drivel.

What really caused Nickelback's downfall after the release of "Dark Horse" is not entirely clear, but one thing is certain: never again did a pop artist attempt to shield himself under the guise of another genre. This was Nickelback's fatal error: For 10 years the Canadian quartet purveyed a brand of music that was nothing more than pop, yet tried (and succeeded for a time) to convince listeners that what the band was playing was actually rock 'n' roll.

Of course, we know now what rock 'n' roll truly is — men like Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry were the originators of the genre, and groups like The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin carried on its torch. Nickelback's time posing as a rock band is one of the greatest farces in history; Hitler's anti-Semitic propaganda during the Holocaust, the American "Red Scare" during the time of McCarthyism and Nickelback are all prime examples of what happens when a minority manages to brainwash the masses.

Just as Hitler's and McCarthy's contrived lies and peddled fiction were eventually disproven and their transparency presented to the world, so too were those of Nickelback in the aftermath of "Dark Horse." The album, you see, was simply too bad to pass unnoticed. Each song was nearly entirely the result of polished production by the then-



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## Rally for the Astro

CORRINA MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

What happened to the days of discount movies? What happened to being able to run out your door right as the movie was starting and still be able to make it on time because the theater was just a hop, skip and a jump away? What happened to the Astro III?

The Astro III opened on Jan. 21, 1971, as a single screen movie house with a red carpet showing of "Tora, Tora, Tora" ("Tiger, Tiger, Tiger" for those of you who don't speak Japanese). It was elegantly decorated, with Greek-themed pillars and fountains in the lobby. Movies were priced at 50 cents. The screening room was divided into three smaller screens in the '80s and after new theaters began opening in the surrounding area, the Astro began showing first- and second-run movies at a discount price. At the time of its closing, the Astro III was serving about 1,000 patrons per week, 2,500 per week in the summer.

Grungy or not, the Astro was the closest theater around with great ticket prices. It was the only way most broke college students could see all the movies they wanted to. Also, those who are under age in this college town find sources of entertainment limited.

The Astro was one of the best places in Clemson to go for some late-night fun, and for students who were car-less, it was indeed a blessing.

see ASTRO page D4



# ON THE PROWL

by HONEY RIDER

On the not-so-rare occasion, we here at The Tiger receive e-mails and phone calls from well meaning persons who disapprove of columns such as "On the Prowl."

They would have us add six inches to our skirts, strap on our chastity belts and revert back to the era of gentlemen callers.

Well, then, here's some good old-fashioned advice, straight out of that long ago era.

## When a Fellow Gets Fresh:

From "The Art of Dating," 1967: "The inexperienced girl may wonder, 'If he tries something, shall I slap him and run, or just run?'"

The more mature girl knows that she doesn't need to resort to either slapping or running in order to deal with the too amorous boyfriend. She wards off unwelcome behavior with a firm refusal to cooperate, accompanied by a knowing smile and a suggestion of some alternate activity. She may say, "Not now, Ambrose. Let's go get a hamburger; I'm hungry."

## Lures Men Can't Resist—The Fine Art of Jollyng:

From "How to Win and Hold a Husband," 1939: "Don't feed men flattery in hunks, with a shovel. They resent this. But every man will eat out of your hand if it is filled with sugar."

Don't be a crude bungler and tell a man in so many words that he is God's masterpiece.

Get the idea across to him in other ways — by your air of adoration; by the awe with which you listen to his opinions; by the rapt expression on your face when you listen to him monologing along about himself."

## Aphrodisiacs:

From the "Dictionary of Aphrodisiacs," 1961: "Artichoke: Consumption of artichokes may directly produce euphoria; indirectly, this sense of pleasant relaxation is highly conducive to amatory exercise."

Sea-Slug: Found commonly off West Indies islands. Known widely for its efficacious aphrodisiac virtues. Among the fishermen of Naples, it is called sea Priapus.

Mathematics: It has been at least an academic tradition, if no more, that mathematical studies militate against amatory inclinations."

## If a Girl Must Telephone a Boy:

From "Facts of Life and Love for Teen-Agers," 1956: "In a poll of high school boys more than two-thirds said that they do not like to have girls call them on the telephone."

They feel that this is a boy's privilege, and that a girl seems forward when she phones a boy.

They furthermore report that their families tease them about the girls who call them up at home.

Yet there may be times when a girl really must call a boy with an urgent message, to give him an invitation, or to make a request that cannot wait until she next sees him.

When such a call is necessary, the girl must be unusually careful to observe the expected telephone



courtesies.

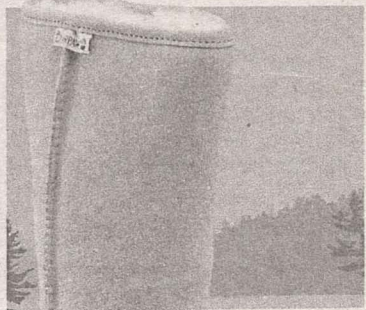
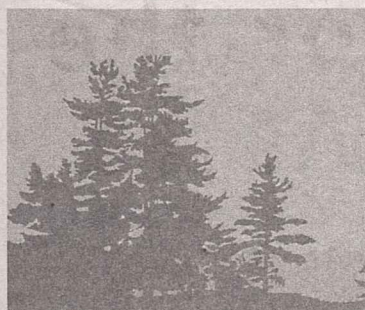
She should protect both the boy and herself from embarrassment by keeping her call short, and not telephoning him too often."

## Love is a Species of Drunkenness:

From "The Art of Making a Perfect Husband," 1929: "Romantic love is a species of drunkenness — even dullards are aware of this; they are aware of it when they are not in love, and either forget it or disregard it when they are."

Because of this drunkenness, it is never possible for two persons in love really to know one another; they only know what they think of one another.

Therefore all persons who marry for reasons of romantic love marry strangers; that is why marriage has been termed a lottery — and with justice."



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# PREVIEW

GREG BLANTON  
STAFF WRITER

## "Special"

Nov. 21

Les Frank is just a normal guy who lives an unremarkable life. But when he participates in a drug study for an experimental anti-depressant, his life takes a turn. An unexpected side effect persuades him into thinking he is a super hero with super powers and that he must quit his job. Some might recognize Michael Rapaport (who plays Frank) as Donald Self from Fox's "Prison Break."



## "Transporter 3"

Nov. 26

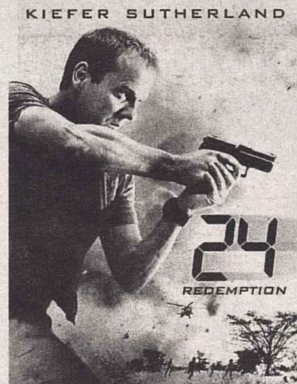
Jason Statham is unstoppable. As an actor, the man is a machine, constantly pumping out action flicks at ridiculous rates. In character, Statham tramples over everyone and everything he sees. This brawny Brit is just an absolute beast. His second sequel to the "Transporter" series is about to be out, a second "Crank" is set to release next April, and an "Italian Job" sequel is also on the horizon.



## "24: Redemption"

Nov. 25

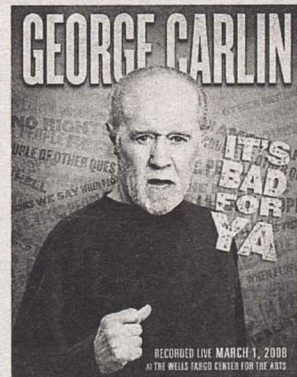
This is quite the stunt. "24" is filming a feature-length film to bridge seasons six and seven, airing the movie straight to television and then releasing the DVD two days later. Considering the rampant fanaticism for Jack Bauer (the cool man's Chuck Norris), this stunt likely will be big for the show. As in millions and millions of dollars big.



## "George Carlin: It's Bad For Ya"

Nov. 25

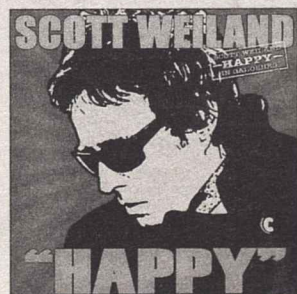
The late George Carlin, may he rest in peace, is widely considered the single greatest comedian of all time. Of course, that all depends on taste, but Carlin's impact on stand-up comedy is indisputable. This DVD shows his controversial filthy mouth and his unique brand of comedy before his death at the age of 71 in June.



## "Happy in Galoshes"

Nov. 25

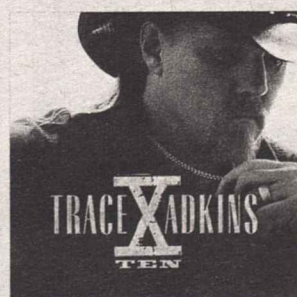
You may know Scott Weiland either as the lead singer for '90s alt-metal group Stone Temple Pilots or the recent supergroup Velvet Revolver. Or perhaps you know him only as the rock star who has battled drug addiction and endured stints in prison for years. In either case, Weiland has led a colorful life and has stories to tell on his upcoming solo disc.



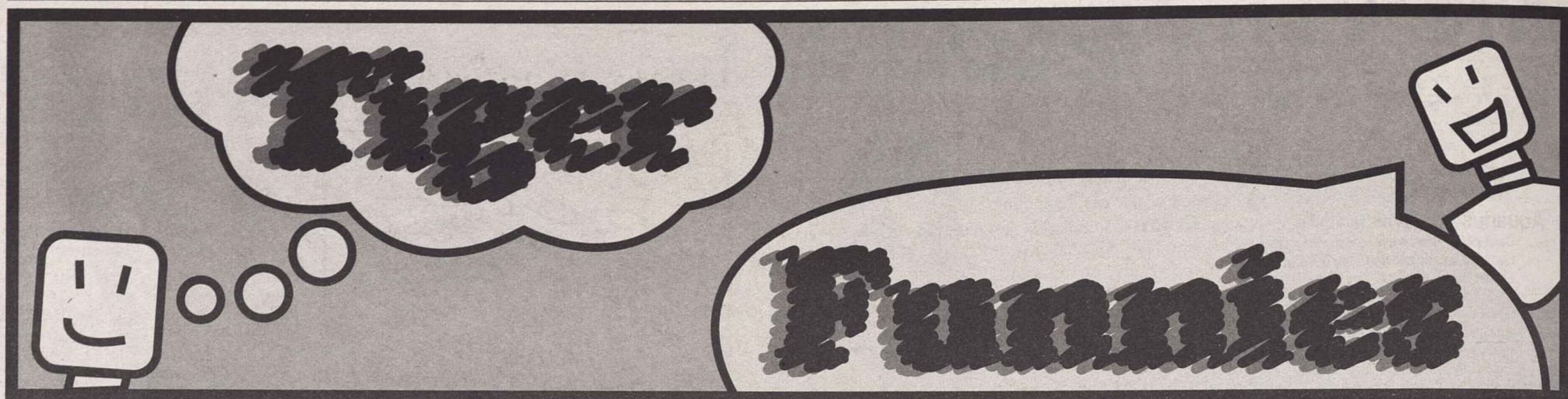
## "10"

Nov. 25

In a country scene full of faux-redneck pop groups like Rascal Flatts and excessively-drawling lady crooners like Carrie Underwood, Trace Adkins stands alone as the sole artist who walks it like he talks it. A true Southern tough, this Oklahoma native has spent time both on an oil rig and in jail, and it shows in his music.

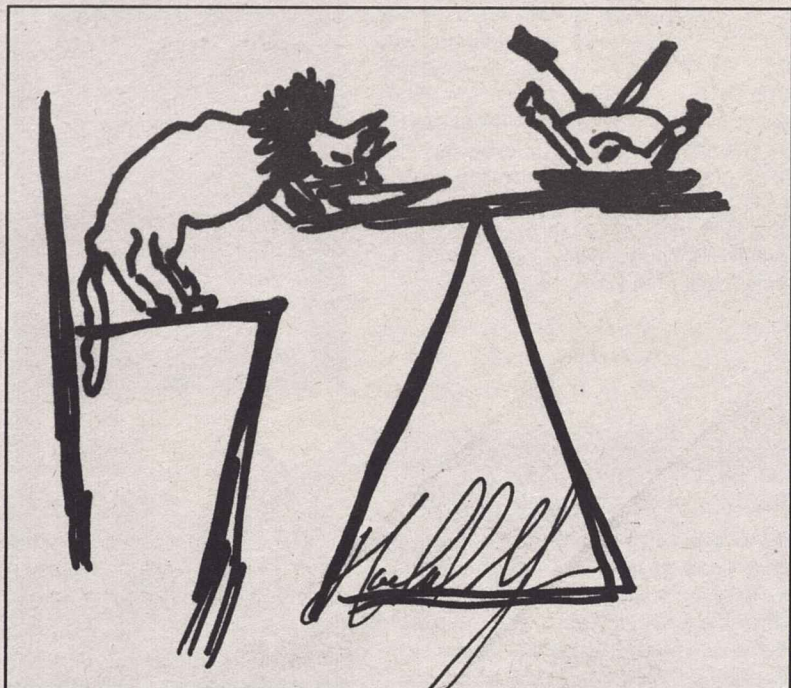






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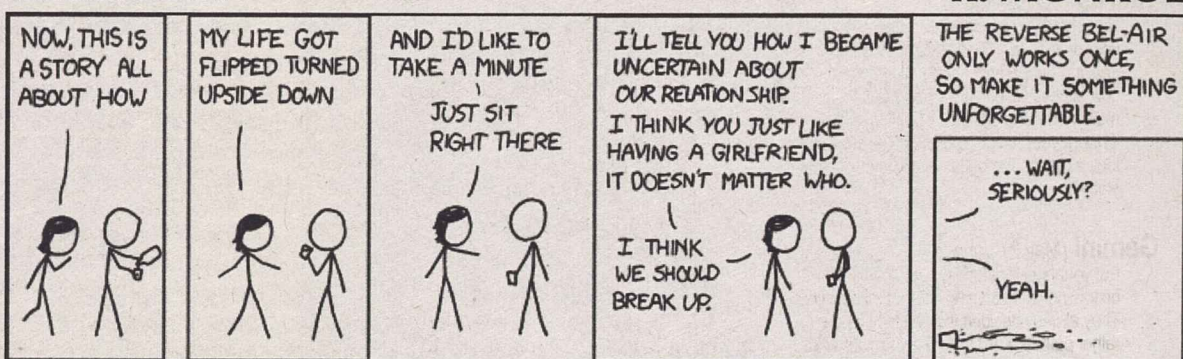
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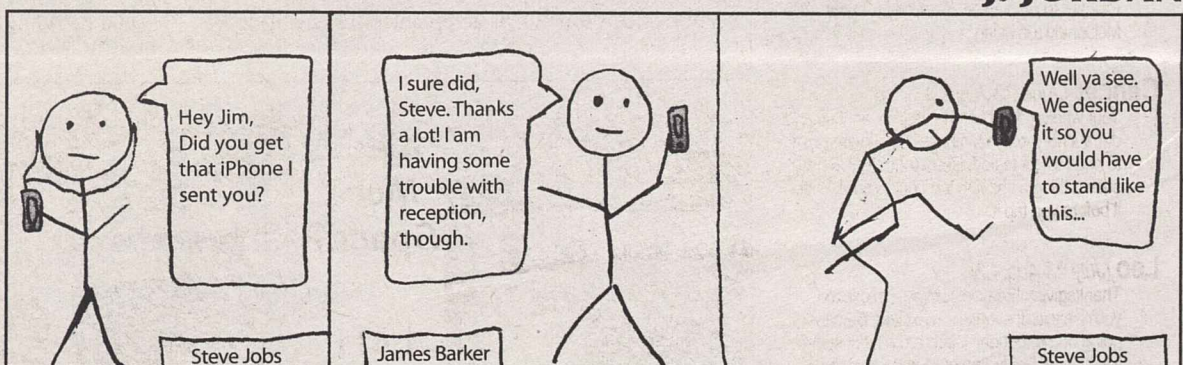
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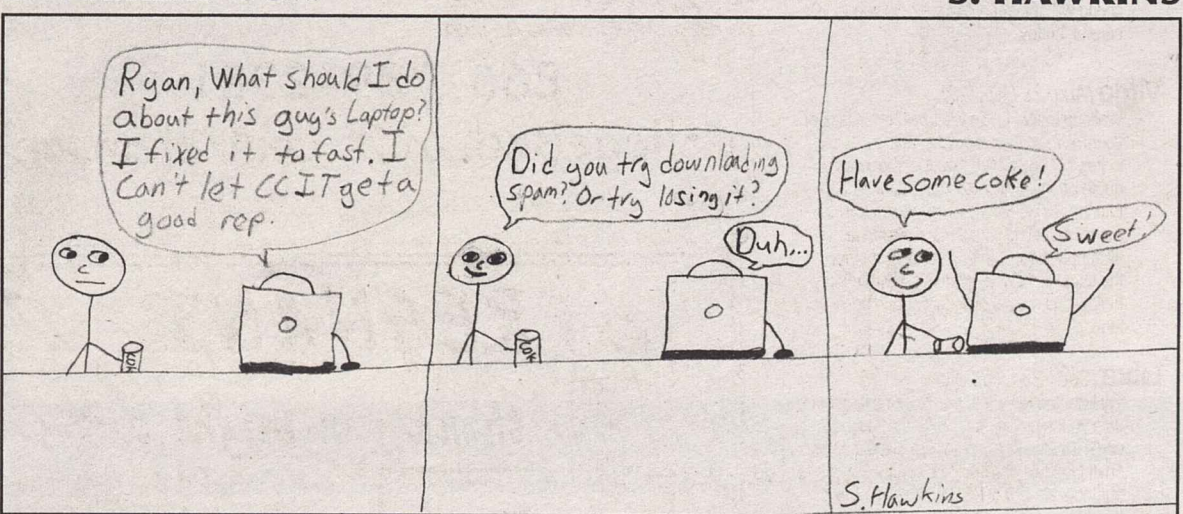
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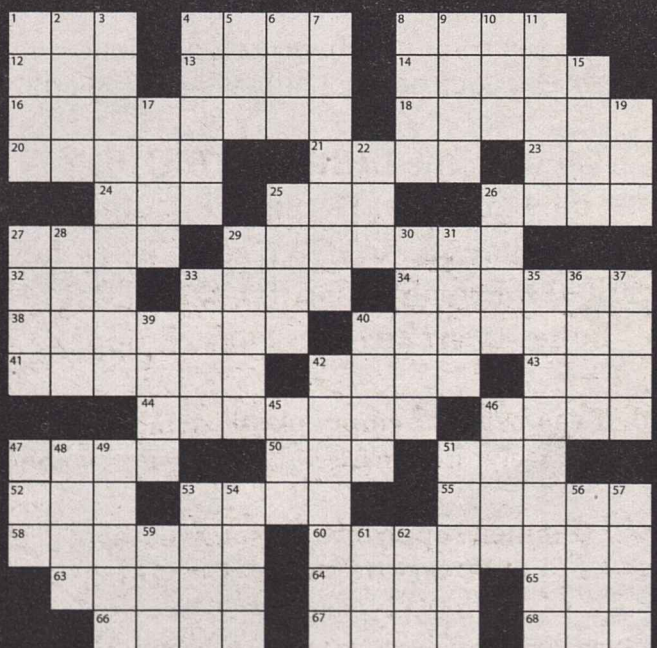
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- 4 Stay
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- 11 Yardstick
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- 25 Little Mermaid's love
- 26 Medicine amount
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- 28 Dueling sword
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- 30 Lil'

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# Horoscopes



## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Can I look you in the eyes the morning after? Can I slip outside and never say goodbye? Should I laugh, or should I cry the morning after? Apologies to Greg Joseph, but he raises a good set of questions. At least I remember where I parked. All Aquarius should watch out for the bull and the virgins. Also, them saying they're virgins is bull. Thought you'd like to know.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

If you don't like your job, the last thing you should do is quit. A better idea is to hang around, like a dead parasite still leaching off the proverbial corporate teat, generally acting incompetently and making lives miserable. Pisces' actions are heavily influenced for the entire month, as Satan forced an opposition between Venus and Mars. It's unlikely any Pisces will be arrested with the Great Evil One on their side.

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Please don't commit any crimes when you realize they replaced the Sunkist with Fanta Orange in ALL the campus vending machines. Upsetting, isn't it? Writing an editorial letter to The Tiger. Good idea. Lying in wait for the restocking guy at three in the morning with plans of bloodshed: Bad idea.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Somehow you received a 105 percent on your physics test. This should relieve your freaking-out parents and assuage your own guilt at never attending a single lecture and merely showing up to take the tests. Taurus, if I were you, I'd play the lottery. Your luck just took a turn for the better, and you may as well enjoy it.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Put your best foot forward during your upcoming job interview. Not that it'll help you. They already decided they were hiring that rather pathetic nerd from Caltech you insulted at last year's ACM conference. And now that he's on their team, the retribution will begin. Do you know the meaning of "blackballed"? Prepare to never work in software. I hear McDonald's is hiring.

## Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Your weekend will be one of drunkenness and debauchery, but in a month or so you're going to need to get tested. Remember that there IS such a thing as having too good a time. Wrap it before you tap it.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Thanksgiving break is coming. I'm excited; you're excited; everyone's excited. Be careful going home though. There are a lot of speed traps on I-85 between here and Charlotte. Breaking 100 m.p.h. just to make your flight probably isn't worth it, seeing as no amount of crying will get you out of a 12-car pileup. Be careful, buddy.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Walk up to that hottie who sits in the back of your microeconomics class, and try talking to her. My crystal ball tells me she's doing quite poorly and could use a tutor. And tutoring, as we know, often leads to other, more interesting situations. Remember it's all supply-side: Demand increases, and the supplier adjusts production accordingly. Follow that simple philosophy, and you'll go far.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Try listening to WSBF late at night; it might help your study productively. Oh wait, you can't! It's always dead air! No, I'm not bitter or anything. Just disappointed. WSBF, we need our Indie snobbery 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Don't hold out on us!

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

There was a new sensation. Now it's gone, replaced by numbness and cold, unfeeling depression. What a shame. Sad to say Scorpio's week won't get better, with the Jovian moons completely countering Neptune's positive spin. Then Saturn and its bad temper get involved and BAM! Instant destruction. By Christmas it should all be okay.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't trust Google. It's a huge corporation, so it never can be your friend. When you "guess" it has deleted your search history, it hasn't. Google still knows about the 2,573 searches you've performed for "giraffes + penguins + necks - women" over the past 24 hours. When the FBI comes knocking at your door, do you know who rattled you out? Google.

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Travel light on your journey home this Thanksgiving. Airlines have been losing baggage left and right this season. Besides, you don't need your books. No one seriously believes you're going to study over vacation.

# ASK A FINAL EXAM

**The Tiger:** Mr. Exam, it's very nice to interview you; thank you for coming.

**Exam:** Do not give me such formalities! You are as guilty as anyone else here!

**TT:** I'm afraid I don't know what you are talking about....

**E:** Do not be deceitful, infidel! You know exactly what I speak of!

**TT:** Umm... I'm sorry? If I may ask, why do you insist on talking with a fake Middle Eastern accent?

**E:** Because I, alongside Allah, shall cleanse this world of you, infidels!

**TT:** I'm sorry to be rude, but your accent is affirming a negative stereotype that all Middle Eastern people are terrorists. It's horrendously offensive, and I need you to stop.

**E:** Oh well... Good point... I apologize... \*AHM\* yo dawg, i sorry bout bein' so whack, i was trippin'; we like brothas, i ain't gonna do that no mor cuz you my brotha.

**TT:** Is there any other ethnic group you'd like to offend, or can you talk in your normal voice now?

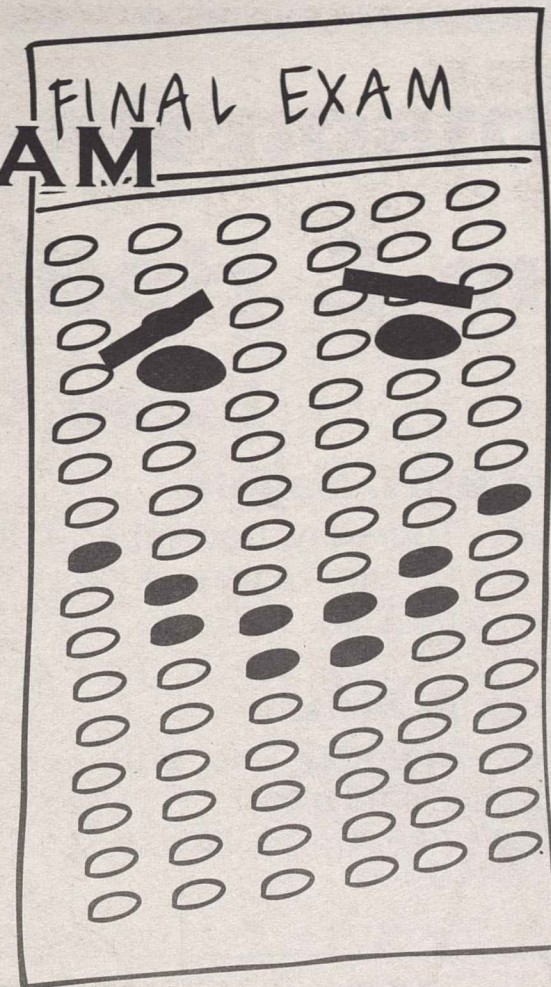
**E:** Ok, I'm good.

**TT:** That was, once again, terribly offensive. Now may I ask why you seem displeased with the students here?

**E:** An excellent question. I am displeased because Clemson University MURDERED my son!

**TT:** I was unaware you had a kid.

**E:** Yes, my son "A." The engineering department, architecture, biology, chemistry, they all took part murdering my son. They took "A" away from me, and now they think his younger sister "B" is excellent; some even think my retarded son "D" is acceptable! It's terrible!!



**TT:** I noticed you blamed it all on the engineers, architects and the sciences. What about humanities and arts?

**E:** Well, unfortunately "A" is dead, but his cousin "Easy A" is alive and better than ever over there. You should pay him a visit sometime.

**TT:** Well that's to be expected. Have you done anything to prevent this from happening to your other children?

**E:** Yes, my children and I are leaving and that way Clemson will pay. With A,B,C and D gone there will be no one left but "F" to greet them. Everyone at Clemson will be riding a FAILway train home!!!

## ASTRO from page D1

So when the theater closed in late August after a brief four-day notice, many members of the community were shocked. Equally shocked were the returning students who were greeted by an empty and lonely billboard.

Though for those students wondering what to do after its closing, there is an opportunity to "Save the Astro": Today, Nov. 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., downtown Clemson will be shut down for the "Save the Astro" Rally hosted by the Clemson Coalition for Arts Enhancement.

The CCAE was formed in 2008 after seeing a dire need for a richer art scene in the Clemson area. The closing of the Astro III theater was a main driving force behind the formation of this coalition.

It is working with Clemson Mayor Larry Abernathy to try and preserve this local historic building and to further the local art scene by giving opportunities to local artists, musicians and performers to develop and showcase their talent.

The "Save the Astro" Rally will feature local talent such as "The Elegance," "Menutia" and Jennifer Georee as well as vendors, booths and fun and games for the family.

Regardless of the Astro's fate, however, this event speaks for a greater cause.

The Clemson Coalition for Arts Enhancement recognizes that the Astro symbolizes, in part, the presence of the arts in our community, and that without portals for music, theater, dance, writing and film, a community will never sustain its affinity for the arts.

Make sure you come out and support the Astro today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Clemson. For more information or to sign the petition please visit the Web site.



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# Clemson Dining Services Exam & Holiday Schedule

## Exam Schedule

### Einstein Bros. Bagels

Sunday, December 7th - Thursday, December 11th

Regular Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Exam Hours: 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

### Snax & Stax

Friday, Dec. 5th—Thursday, Dec. 11th:

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12th: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Java City

Friday, Dec. 5th: 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6th: Noon - 1 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7th: 4 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 8th - Thurs. Dec. 11th: 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 12th: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat/Sun: closed



## Winter Holiday Schedule

Meal cards will be valid through dinner on December 19th and become valid for Spring Semester for prepaid plans at lunch on January 3rd. December 20th through breakfast January 3rd, all transactions will be on a declining balance or cash basis only.

### Clemson House Dining Hall

December 13th & 14th: 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

December 15th—19th: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

December 20th—January 2nd: Closed

January 3rd & 4th: 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

January 5th—7th: regular hours

### Harcombe Dining Hall

December 13th—January 2nd: Closed

Jan 3rd: 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Jan 4th: 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Jan 5th—7th: regular hours

### Chili's Too

December 12th: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

December 13th—January 3rd: Closed

January 4th—7th: regular hours

### Paw Mart Convenience Store

December 12th: 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

December 13th—January 4th: Closed

Jan 5th & 6th: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Jan 7th: regular hours

### Canteen

December 12th: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

December 13th—January 4th: Closed

Jan 5th: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Jan 6th: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Jan 7th: regular hours

### Fernow Street Cafe

December 12th: 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

December 13th—January 4th: Closed

Jan 5th & 6th: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

January 7th: regular hours

### Schilletter Dining Hall

December 13th—January 4th: Closed

Jan 5th—7th: regular hours

### Hendrix Center Food Court

December 13th & 14th: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

December 15th—19th: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

December 20th—28th: Closed

December 29th—31st: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

January 1st & 2nd: Closed

January 3rd: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

January 4th: 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

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### Einstein Bros. Bagels

December 12th: 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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### Cornerstop Convenience Store

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December 13th—January 6th: Closed

January 7th: regular hours



## SHOWTIMES AT THE STARLIGHT STADIUM 14 TONIGHT

### "Bolt"

12:05 p.m. | 12:35 p.m. | 2:25 p.m.  
3:05 p.m. | 4:45 p.m. | 5:25 p.m.  
7:25 p.m. | 7:55 p.m.  
9:45 p.m. | 10:15 p.m.

### "Changeling"

12:45 p.m. | 4:00 p.m. | 7:05 p.m.  
10:10 p.m.

### "Eagle Eye"

1:05 p.m. | 4:45 p.m. | 7:30 p.m.  
10:25 p.m.

### "Fireproof"

1:15 p.m. | 4:25 p.m. | 7:15 p.m.  
10:00 p.m.

### "High School Musical 3: Senior Year"

1:10 p.m. | 4:20 p.m. | 6:55 p.m.  
9:30 p.m.

### "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa"

12:40 p.m. | 1:30 p.m. | 2:55 p.m.  
4:10 p.m. | 5:20 p.m. | 7:00 p.m.  
7:40 p.m. | 9:20 p.m. | 9:55 p.m.

### "Quantum of Solace"

12:10 p.m. | 1:00 p.m. | 2:40 p.m.  
4:05 p.m. | 5:10 p.m. | 7:10 p.m.  
7:45 p.m. | 9:40 p.m. | 10:30 p.m.

### Role Models

12:15 p.m. | 2:50 p.m. | 5:15 p.m.  
7:50 p.m. | 10:35 p.m.

### "Soul Men"

12:50 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 7:20 p.m.  
9:50 p.m.

### "Twilight"

12:25 p.m. | 4:15 p.m. | 7:35 p.m.  
10:20 p.m.

### "Zack and Miri"

12:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. | 5:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. | 10:35 p.m.

## NICKELBACK from page D1

respected Mutt Lange (who, after he escaping into self-imposed exile and descending into mania, died less than a decade after the record's release).

But even Lange's efforts could not disguise the fact that the group had no real musical talent, and merely took pieces of other artists to create their music.

Additionally, the group prided itself in being able to transcend genres and straddle radically different audiences; Nickelback maintained supremacy over both rock and pop charts and played harder songs for the males and ballads for the females.

This would have continued to work, however, if not for two fatal mistakes. First, Nickelback used essentially the same template for "Dark Horse" as they did for "All the Right Reasons." Each record featured 11 songs of original music, and each interspersed ballads into pseudo-rock tunes at the same intervals.

Each passed off rock as pop and combined elements of what the group thought to be metal and country to give the illusion of originality.

Nickelback's most grievous error occurred with the inclusion of a 12th song on "Dark Horse." Track 12 was a cover of "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting," originally performed by the revered Sir Elton John.

Had Nickelback not covered this song, they could have continued their criminal offenses on music indefinitely, but when a group committing a travesty to rock on as grand a scale as Nickelback managed, it performs a legitimate rock song by a legitimate rock musician, Nickelback's fallacy as a rock group became too obvious to ignore.

And so, all the men who thought they were listening to rock realized for the first time that

all the so-called hard rock tunes they banged their heads to were actually crafted to attract female audiences.

The men went back and listened to Nickelback's back catalogue; at each step of Nickelback's career, these men realized that the group pushed their crime farther and farther until the travesty of "Dark Horse."

And the women all realized that they, too, were being conned; it at long last occurred to them that Nickelback's music was specifically tailored to attract possessors of vaginas and breasts to live concerts to enhance the maximum Nickelback experience, and for a greater chance to enjoy backstage pleasures with attractive ladies.

Most of all, though, the women finally opened their ears and for once paid attention to Nickelback's lyrics: nearly every "hard-rock" song written for the men that the women never paid attention to and skipped on the CD consisted exclusively of lyrics subjected women to sexual favors, objectifying women and glorifying male misogyny.

Both genders experienced severe post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide rates among this population reached a high of 85 percent (which, considering the millions that Nickelback conned, was an incredibly high number of people).

Men became confused of their gender, and sex-changes and transvestitism hit all-time highs.

Nickelback was forever banished from the United States, and other insignificant Canadian musicians such as Avril Lavigne, Sum 41 and Theory of a Deadman were all also exiled from the American market, guilty by association.

And this is why today we do not address the singer and chief conspirator of Nickelback by name; and know the criminal only as He Who Must Not Be Named.

## Quick Cut-Out

# Sour Cream Coffee Cake by Emily Callahan

### Ingredients

1 cup butter  
1 ¼ cups sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup (1/2 pint) sour cream  
2 cups flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
1 ½ teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
¾ cup finely chopped walnuts  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 teaspoon sugar

### Directions

Combine butter, sugar and eggs. Beat until fluffy. Blend in sour cream. Sift in flour, baking soda and baking powder gradually. Add vanilla. Blend well. Spoon half of the batter into 9-inch bunt pan that has been buttered and floured. Batter will be thick. Sprinkle half of the walnut, cinnamon, sugar mixture over the batter. Spoon in remaining batter and sprinkle remaining walnut, cinnamon, sugar mixture on top. Place in cold oven, then set to 350°F and bake for 55 minutes.



# THE TOP 5 THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS BY MEREDITH HUMPHREY

# 5

**Passing Up Dishes Duty** As an elderly college student, you now have the seniority to kick your younger siblings and cousins into the kitchen for dirty dishes duty. No more scrubbing and loading the dishwasher while everyone else enjoys dessert and coffee. Congratulations, you have now graduated to the grown-up table.

# 4

**Macy's Day Parade** This year Macy's will be celebrating their 82nd annual parade. A few of the giant balloons guaranteed in this year's line-up are Kermit the Frog, Shrek, Horton the Elephant, Buzz Lightyear and the Energizer Bunny. Whether any children will really be excited about the Energizer Bunny is anybody's guess.

# 3

**Black Friday Shopping** Getting your shopping done early on Black Friday will be either the smartest or the most dangerous decision you make during the holidays. While the sales are unbeatable compared to any other time of the year, the likelihood of being hit over the head by an anxious parent to get that last Wii is a risk you may have to take. I'd say it's a safe bet that hospitals will be filled with injuries described as "purse inflicted."

# 2

**Breaking the Wishbone** Siblings, cousins, parents — gather round. It is a coveted ritual to break the wishbone, and being one of the lucky two picked is half the battle. Only if you break off the largest end of the bone does your wish come true. I recommend making your Christmas list early, so you know what to wish for ahead of time.

# 1

**The Post-Turkey Nap** The post-Thanksgiving feast nap is such a household staple that science has stepped in to try and explain. The common theory is that turkey is packed with tryptophan — an amino acid that can also be a sedative. Still, this only works on an empty stomach, and it's such a small amount it's unlikely to be the culprit. The true cause is increased blood flow to the stomach while digesting that giant meal. Whatever the cause, call fives on the couch before the meal begins.

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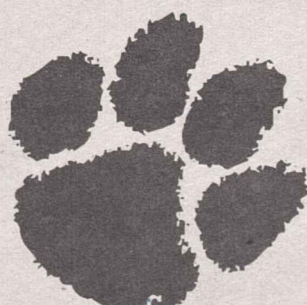
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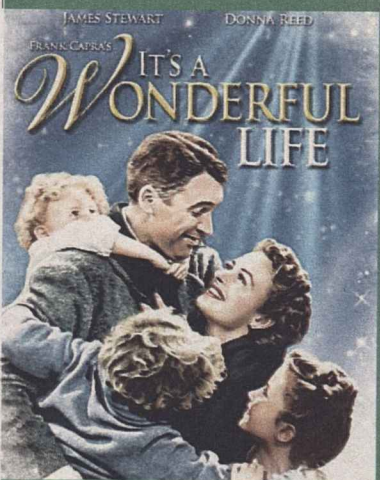
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## 5 Best Christmas Movies



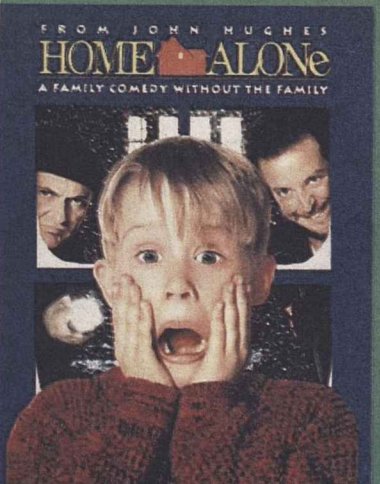
### "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"

Twenty-five thousand light bulbs. Cousin Eddie. The Jelly of the Month Club. Squirrels...ahh the holiday essentials. There is no better way to remind you and your family that, yes, things could really be worse than your own family get-together. So put your family differences aside for an hour and a half and laugh until you cry; because, in the words of Clark Griswold, "The most enjoying traditions of the season are best enjoyed in the warm embrace of kith and kin. Thith tree is a thymbol of the thpirit of the Griswold family Chrithmath."



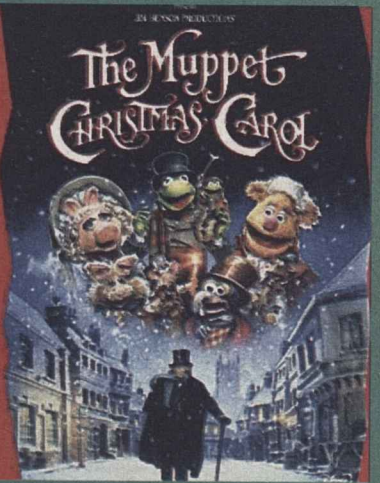
### "It's A Wonderful Life"

This classic movie is as essential to Christmas as a tree and mistletoe. George Bailey has spent his life sacrificing his dreams for the good of his home town. One Christmas Eve the pressures of life and an \$8,000 debt have him considering suicide until his guardian angel shows him what life would be like without him.



### "Home Alone"

We all fulfilled our childhood dream of having the house to ourselves vicariously through little eight-year-old Kevin. With giant bowls of ice cream, jumping on the beds and watching restricted movies — the only thing that could ruin little Kevin's Christmas is two burglars staking out his house. Good thing this kid is a genius.



### "The Muppet Christmas Carol"

No Christmas movie is more in need of some serious recognition than "The Muppet Christmas Carol." In this version, Dickens himself (Gonzo) takes the audience through the crowded streets of London as he narrates his classic tale of Scrooge (Michael Cane), Bob Cratchit (Kermit the Frog), Mrs. Cratchit (Miss Piggy) and the magic of Christmas with an all-star Muppet cast and some pretty catchy tunes.



### "Elf"

"SANTA! OH MY GOD! SANTA'S COMING! I KNOW HIM! I KNOW HIM!" Leave it to Will Ferrell to bring the Christmas spirit back to New York City. Without the loveable Buddy who would de-throne "fake Santas," dominate in snow ball fights, eat the old gum on city sidewalks and sing awkward Christmas Grams?

## 5 Worst Christmas Movies

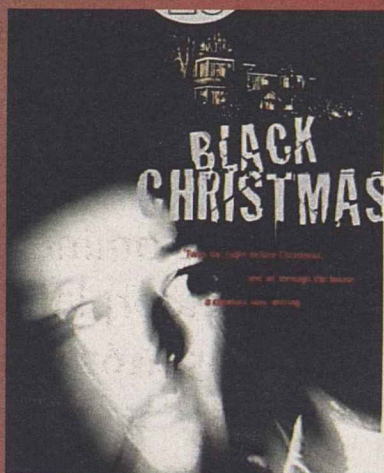
### "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians"

Though I had never come across this 1964 holiday film, it managed to make almost every worst Christmas movie list I found. In this movie, Martians come to Earth in search of Santa to kidnap two children to lead them to the North Pole. The Martians then bring them all back to Mars where they teach the aliens the meaning of Christmas. Now picture this plot with the fantastic technology of the 1960s — thus the 2.6 out of 10 rating on imdb.com.



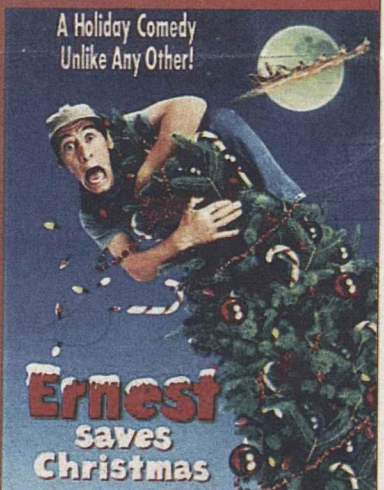
### "Black Christmas"

This 1974 remake has all the elements of a terrible and predictable horror film. In the '70s, a boy is abused and locked in the attic but escapes to kill his family. Fast forward to the present day when his house is now the Delta Alpha Kappa sorority house where eight girls are spending their Christmas break. Three disappear, and mysterious phone calls begin.



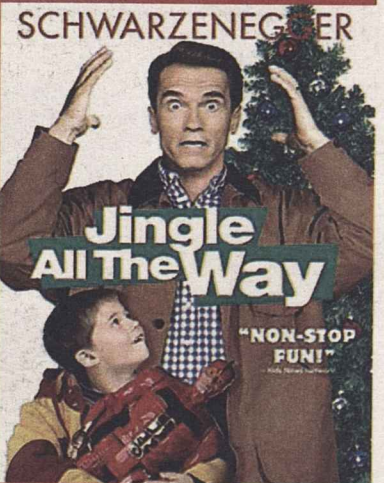
### "Ernest Saves Christmas"

Really, this needs little explanation. Santa is searching for his successor in Orlando, FL., (obviously mistake number 1) because he does not have the magic for another year (clearly plot mistake number 2) In comes Ernest the taxi driver to save the day and the plot becomes completely unbearable.



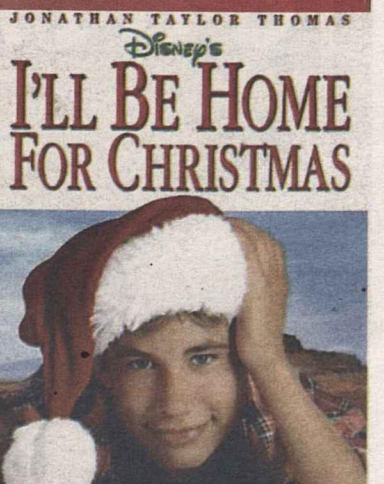
### "Jingle All The Way"

For some reason parents think they can solve all their mistakes as parents by getting that ultimate gift every Christmas. If you've ever ventured to Wal-Mart on Christmas Eve, you know that getting any present is difficult — much less the present of the year. Not even Arnold Schwarzenegger is exempt from this simple law of nature.



### "I'll Be Home For Christmas"

The only reason this movie made profits was most likely thanks to tweens hoping Jonathan Taylor Thomas' hotness would be good enough for any plot. Unfortunately, they were wrong, and I'm not sure JTT has ever recovered.





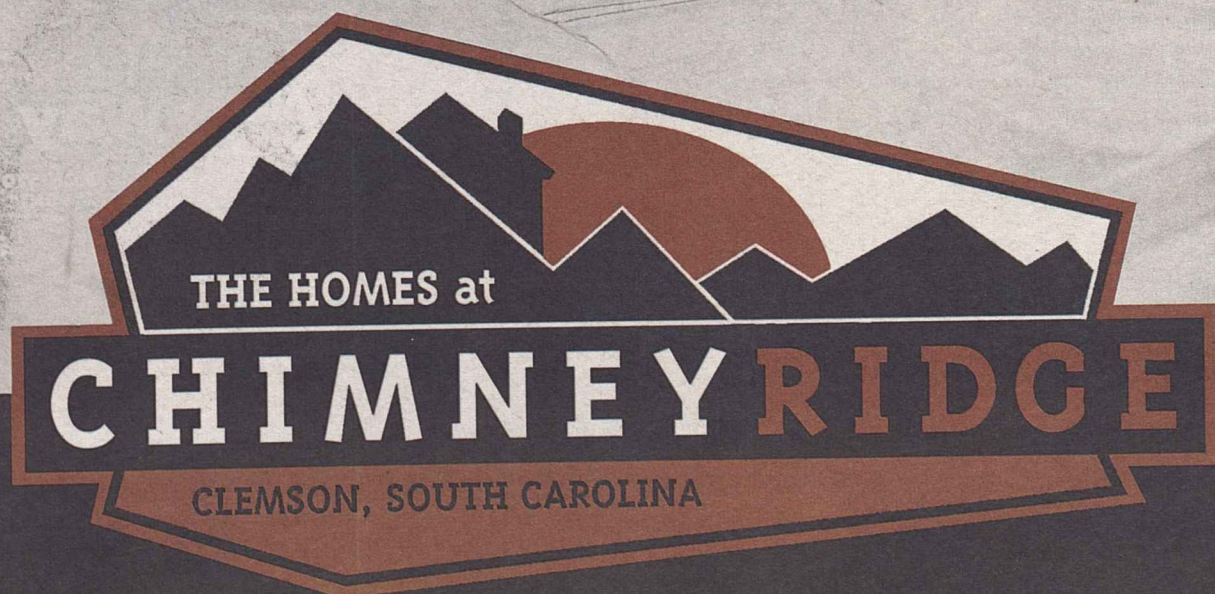
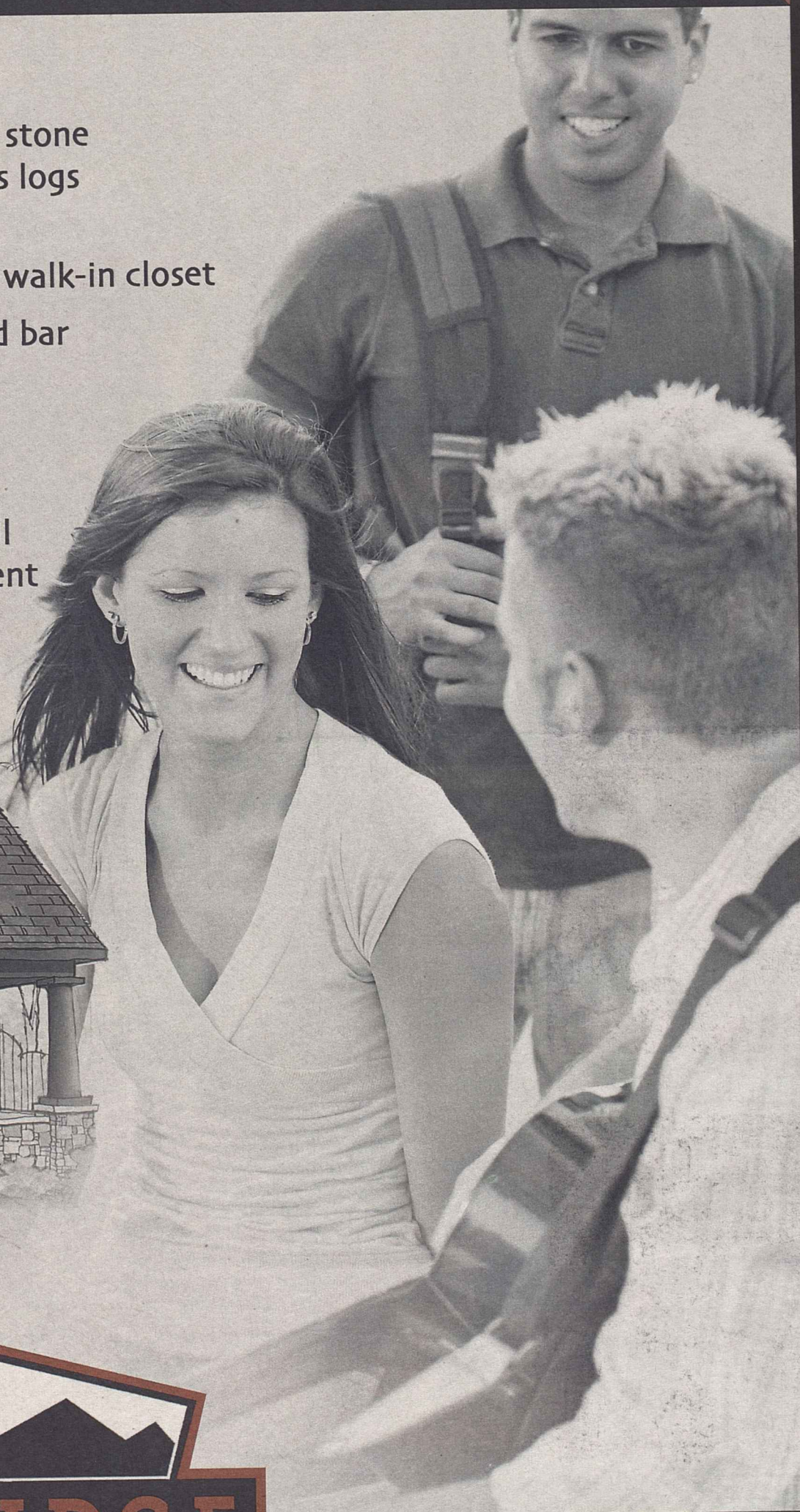
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